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Silk Road: The Dark Web's Underground Marketplace and the Story of Ross Ulbricht

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explore the impact of the Silk Road on the dark web and online privacy. How did the marketplace affect discussions about internet freedom and government surveillance?
2. Discuss the ethical and legal dilemmas surrounding the Silk Road. What arguments were made by both its supporters and critics, and how did it challenge traditional notions of online commerce?
3. Reflect on the legacy of the Silk Road and its lasting influence on the dark web and cryptocurrency use. How have subsequent developments in online marketplaces and technology been shaped by the Silk Road's rise and fall?
4. Consider the broader implications of the Silk Road case on the criminal justice system and sentencing practices. Do you believe Ross Ulbricht's life sentence without parole was justifiable? Why or why not?

