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Cracking the Code: Understanding Ohio's Tax Structure

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but could include considerations such as balancing the state budget, addressing income inequality, promoting economic growth, and ensuring that the tax burden is distributed fairly among residents.
2. Answers may vary. Some may argue that it allows local governments to tailor taxes to their specific needs, while others may argue that it can result in disparities between communities.
3. Answers may vary. Changes in the tax structure could either alleviate financial stress for low-income individuals or potentially increase their tax burden, depending on the specific changes made.
4. Answers may vary, but students may discuss the impact of sales tax on daily purchases, income tax on earnings, or property tax if they or their families own homes.

