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## Student Graphic Organizer-Current Challenges in Foreign Policy

Questions to Consider:	
<p>1-In your opinion, which issue is more important: domestic policy or foreign policy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain</li> </ul>	
<p>2-How much do you understand about foreign policy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alot</li> <li>• Some</li> <li>• Not sure/it depends on the issue</li> <li>• Not a lot</li> <li>• What other countries?</li> </ul> <p>Explain the reasoning behind your decision.</p>	
<p>3-Which of the following is the greatest threat to U.S. national security?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI</li> <li>• China</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Domestic Challenges</li> <li>• Russia</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> <p>In 2-4 sentences, explain the reasoning behind your decision.</p>	
<p>4-Regarding trade with China, how should the United States approach tariffs on Chinese imports, given the impact on Chinese businesses and American consumer prices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase tariffs</li> <li>• Keep tariffs about the same</li> <li>• Decrease tariffs</li> </ul> <p>Explain your response</p>	
<p>5-Should the United States increase, maintain, or decrease its current level of defense spending?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase</li> <li>• Maintain</li> <li>• Decrease</li> </ul>	

Explain your response	
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Student Exploration A--What Roles Do Congress and the President Play in U.S. Foreign Policy?	
<b>Read the Article:</b> What <a href="#">Roles Do Congress and the President Play in U.S. Foreign Policy?</a>	
1-Define Enumerated powers.	
2-According to the article, what does the Constitution say about foreign policy?	
3-Read the section: Powers of Congress. Based on your opinion, rank the foreign policy powers of Congress in order of importance.	
4-Read the section: Powers of the President. Based on your opinion, rank the foreign policy powers of the President in order of importance.	
5-Read and summarize the sections: “What does the balance of power between the president and Congress look like in practice?” and “Is the balance of power actually balanced?”	
<b>Take a Position (TAP):</b> In a thesis statement, take a position on whether Congress or the President should hold greater authority in shaping foreign policy.	

Student Exploration B--The Constitution and Foreign Policy	
<b>Answer the questions below after watching the <a href="#">Video-The Role of Congress and the President in Foreign Policy</a> (5:00 minutes)</b>	
1-List 3-4 key constitutional powers of Congress in the area of foreign policy.	

2-List 3-4 key constitutional powers of the President in the area of foreign policy.	
3-What are the 3 main ways Congress can affect foreign policy?	
4-What historical events in American history impacted the “ebb and flow” of foreign policy powers between Congress and the President?	
5-What does the speaker mean by reference to the “Imperial” presidency? How does the Vietnam Conflict change this perception?	
6-What has happened to foreign policy powers since the Second World War?	
7-When is Congress's power at its highest in reference to foreign policy?	
8-When is Congress’s power at its lowest?	
<b>Take a Position (TAP):</b> In a thesis statement, take a position on whether Congress or the President should hold greater authority in shaping foreign policy	

## Video Presentation: Foreign Policy Issues Today

### Topic #1: Domestic versus Foreign Policy- Which is more important?

<b>Segment #1</b> (4:41)	<b>VOCABULARY:</b> NAFTA, Globalization, Domestic Policy, Foreign Policy,
Dr. Schake states that domestic policy should always be more important than foreign policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the reasons she provided for this position.</li> </ul>	
Do you agree with Dr. Schake that domestic policy should always be more important?  Provide at least two reasons for your position.	

<p>Dr. Schake makes the following claim about important issues <i>“I think the biggest opportunity the United States is missing is the consolidation of North America as an energy, economic, immigration, education and everything else platform. If Canada, the United States, and Mexico can find a common way to secure our supply chains, to provide transitions and labor and creative common education platforms, we actually will not have to worry about a rising China. We are missing what is a relatively easy source of strength.”</i></p> <p>Reflect on this statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you agree with Dr. Schake?</li> <li>• Is her suggestion even possible?</li> <li>• Does the average American voter have the knowledge to support such a claim?</li> </ul>	
<p>Dr. Froman comments on the many issues taking place in various African countries. He states that <i>“all of these issues are interconnected.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What evidence does he provide to support the understanding that Americans should be more interested in global affairs?</li> <li>• What are “spill-over” events?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Student Inquiry:</b></p>	
<p>Dr. Froman makes an interesting claim <i>“our well-being is very well tied into the well-being of people beyond our borders”</i>.</p> <p>Reflect on this statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you think most Americans understand or agree with this claim?</li> <li>• Should American high schools require a “Global Issues” class as part of</li> </ul>	

graduation requirements?	
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## Topic #2: Relations between China and the United States

<u>Segment #2 (19:00)</u>	VOCABULARY: President Xi Jinping, Goshen, Subsidies, Sanctions, Protectionism, Tariffs
<p>Lingling Wei discusses the importance of understanding the political agenda of China. She specifically uses the Chinese company Goshen as an example of Chinese operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize her points in 3-5 sentences</li> </ul>	
<p>What does Lingling Wei mean when she states that China has a coercive economic policy?</p>	
<p>Dr. Froman comments about the U.S.-China relationship by stating that <i>"maybe we should learn from the Chinese"</i>. He is referring to using some of the same tactics and policies that the Chinese use in the United States when US companies enter the Chinese marketplace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the pros and cons of this idea.</li> </ul>	
<p>Dr. Shah states that the relationship with China is not going to be a <i>"Cold War model of containment and isolation; we're always going to be deeply interconnected"</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would the average American citizen respond to this comment?</li> </ul>	
<p>What does Dr. Shah say about the true nature of the relationship between the United States and China?</p>	
<p>What does Lingling Wei claim that the Chinese leadership wants from an American president?</p>	
<p>In 3-5 sentences, summarize Dr.</p>	

Froman's comments and claims about economic tariffs.	
<b>Student Inquiry:</b>	
Can an American company compete against a Chinese company like Goshen?	
How should we educate the average American about the US/Chinese relationship?	

### Knowledge Application:

<b>Predict future trends.....</b>	<b>Responses:</b>
Read the following information from the <a href="#">Office of the United States Trade Representative</a> . Summarize in 3-5 sentences the mission of the U.S. Trade Representative.	
<b>Simulation:</b> As the US Trade Representative, outline a strategy for the United States and provide the president with recommendations for navigating relations with China.	
<b>Lessons learned:</b>	<b>Responses:</b>
In 3-5 sentences, summarize 3-5 takeaways from this lesson.	