Civics Remote Learning 4

Executive Orders, Signing Statements and Federal Public Policy

Background:

Now that you know more about executive orders, let's look at some of President Trump's executive orders and one of his signing statements.

Directions:

Part I- Executive Orders

Below is a list and brief descriptions of some of President Trump's early executive orders.

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/here-s-full-list-donald-trump-s-executive-orders-n720796

You will pick one from this list, and then do some brief research on it (Google it, read about a news article on it, check wikipedia- nothing too formal).

It's a long list, so I'll give you five that I find interesting, but please pick any from the list.

"Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth"

Signed: March 28, 2017 [this one deals with climate change]

"The Revocation of Federal Contracting Executive Orders"

Signed: March 27, 2017 [this one deals with the rights of LGBTQ+ people]

"Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees"

Signed: Jan. 28, 2017 [this one deals with lobbyists and government hiring]

"Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty"

Signed: May 4, 2017 [this one deals with the division between church and state, and to some extent reproductive rights]

"Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements"

Signed: Jan. 25, 2017 [this one deals with immigration and the border wall along the Mexico border]

Having read about the order, respond in a paragraph to the question below:

"How does this executive order act as federal public policy, and how does it affect people's lives?

This paragraph must answer both parts of the prompt, and must use at least two details to explain the impact on people's lives.

Part II- Signing Statements

Read the article below about a recent signing statement.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/27/us/trump-signing-statement-coronavirus.html

Respond in a paragraph to this prompt:

"Do you think that presidential signing statements are a legitimate use of executive authority?

In your response, please refer to the specific signing statement in this article, and use at least two details from the article.