

1. National Debt in 2007:_____ GDP in 2007:_____
2. What percentage of our GDP did the National Debt make up (2007)? _____
3. What 4 deficits do we currently have in the United States according to the documentary?

Chapter 1: Budget Deficit

4. Budget Deficit in:
a. 1789 _____ b. 1835 _____
5. During World War II what was the Nat'l debt? _____
6. What **entitlement programs** were created in the 60's that increased the federal budget?
7. How many budget surpluses have we had in the last 40 years? _____
8. How are social security surpluses used?
9. What is a social security surplus?
10. How long before social security will be paying out more than it brings in? _____
11. When will Social Security be ADDING to our annual deficit instead of AIDING it? _____

Chapter 2: The Savings Deficit

12. When was the last time American households had a negative savings rate prior to this film? _____

13. Explain why household savings is important?

Chapter 3: Trade Deficit

14. What is a trade deficit?

15. Who has the largest trade surplus in the world during 2007?

16. Who has the largest trade deficit in 2007?

17. Describe the activity that takes place on Squandersville. What lesson is to be learned?

18. How does the government raise money to pay debts?

19. How has the United States engaged in financial warfare in the past? Why was it successful?

20. Who were the top 3 holders of US foreign debt in 2007?

Chapter 4: Leadership Deficit

21. What was the Federal Debt Jan, 1, 2000? _____

22. What was the Federal Debt in 2007? ? _____

23. Why was Paul O'Neill asked to resign by the Bush Administration?

24. How much money would the government need to invest today to pay future obligations?

25. Would ridding the budget of earmarks, tax cuts, and the war in Iraq solve our financial problem according to the documentary?