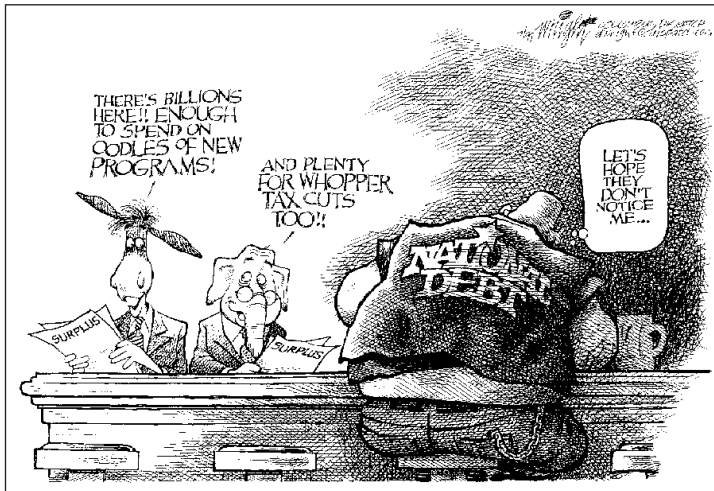


Economic Cartoons



Study this cartoon and review the section entitled “Budget Deficits and the National Debt” beginning on page 403 before answering the questions below.



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1. (a) Who do the two animals holding the papers represent? _____

 (b) What are they looking at? _____

 (c) How is a budget surplus created? _____

2. **Drawing Inferences** What are the two animals deciding? _____

3. **Drawing Conclusions** How do the two animals differ on how the surplus should be spent?

4. **Synthesizing Information** (a) What is the national debt? _____

 (b) Why do some economists consider the national debt a problem? _____

5. **Recognizing Points of View** What else does the cartoonist imply Congress might do with the surplus? _____

