Executive Unit Summative Assessment

Background:

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| According to the American Constitution, the President of the United States only has specific powers.  We have learned that Congress was created to have the majority of power in the federal government.  In fact, our very first presidents felt his main job was to simply enforce the laws that Congress passed.  When did this change of limited power to the perception of unlimited power occur?  Beginning in the twentieth century, our American presidents began to view themselves as leaders of the political arena.  Franklin Delano Roosevelt expanded presidential power greatly during a time of economic depression and World War II.  Since the end of his presidency, presidents have continually gained, or are believed to have gained, more power. |

Task:

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| After analyzing a variety of primary and secondary resources, create an argument based on of the two prompts below:   * Presidents have too much power * The increased power is necessary to meet the needs of American citizens   Support your argument with evidence from materials we covered in class.  Include a counter argument with valid support. |

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