

The Presidency in the Cold War

Reaction to the threat of an “Imperial Presidency”

Directions: Have students write a short speech (approximately five minutes in length or around 750 words) either in favor of or against either the War Powers Act of 1973 or the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The Speech Should Include-

- A brief description of one historical event associated with the creation of the Act.
- An argument either criticizing the President’s actions as being an abuse of power and undermining democratic principles or supporting the President’s actions as being necessary for sustaining democracy and stability.