**Deficits, Surpluses and The National Debt**

*Introduction: Throughout United States history, the federal government has practiced deficit spending, or spending more than the revenues it collected. When the budget runs in a deficit, the Treasury Dept. sells bonds to the public to raise money.*

**Review Vocabulary:** Revenue is the amount of money that is brought into a company by its business activities. In the case of government, revenue is the money received from taxation, fees, fines, inter-governmental grants or transfers, securities sales, mineral rights and resource rights, as well as any sales that are made.

**Step 1: Define the following vocabulary words.**

**Deficit Spending** – spending in excess of revenues collected.

**Federal Debt** - The total amount borrowed from investors to finance the government’s deficit spending.

**Balanced Budget** – an annual budget in which expenditures equal revenues – but the federal debt will not change.

**Step 2: Research**

1. **What is our current Federal Debt?** Make sure you are using a reliable source and that is it current date (from Nov. 2012)
2. **What do we owe other countries?**

**Step 3: Find Evidence**

Find information for slides 3 & 4

* 1. Go to CNN.com, MSNBC.com, [www.finance.yahoo.com](http://www.finance.yahoo.com), <http://www.google.com/finance>
  2. Go to <http://www.treasury.gov/Pages/Search.aspx> type in Deficit or Debt or another related search topic. Find one article on the Treasury Department Website. Use this article to make a slide. See below.

**Summative - PowerPoint**Create a PPT that includes the information on Ch. 10 Sec. 4 and also pulls in other data and research from other internet sources. **You will create a 4 slide PowerPoint.**

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* **Slide 1** – Title (make it catchy), Partner Names (first and last), Period, Include one photo.
* **Slide 2** - What is the national debt? – **Include at least 2 vocabulary** words in your details on this slide.
* **Slide 3** – Who do we owe money to? Include information from your research. Should have at least 4 bullets with evidence related to our debt. Use vocabulary.
* **Slide 4** - Go to <http://www.treasury.gov/Pages/Search.aspx> type in Deficit or Debt or another related search topic. Find one article on the Treasury Department Website. Use this article to make a slide. Restate in your own words what you researched and relate it to the above slides. Use vocabulary.