**Crisis over Nullification**

Directions: Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow.

**Excerpt from Senator Hayne of South Carolina speech to the Senate:**

“Thus it will be seen, Mr. President, that the South Carolina doctrine [of nullification] is the [Jeffersonian] doctrine [of Virginia and Kentucky]… In all the efforts that have been made by South Carolina to resist the unconstitutional laws which Congress has extended over them, she has kept steadily in view the preservation of the Union by the only means by which she believes it can be long preserved - a firm, manly, and steady resistance against [illegal government actions].”

**Excerpt from Senator Daniel Webster of Massachusetts in reply to Senator Hayne:**

“I [admit] to have kept steadily in view the [success] and honor of the whole country, and the preservation of our federal Union. It is to that Union we owe our safety at home, and our consideration and [self-respect] abroad... [I hope,]When my eyes shall be turned to behold for the last time the sun in heaven, may I not see it shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious Union…[Let us not speak the words] "What is all this worth?"…[Let words be spoken] dear to every true American heart-Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!”

1. What is Senator Hayne’s argument in favor of nullification?
2. What is Senator Webster’s argument against nullification?
3. What do you believe? Write a letter to one of these two Senators letting them know your view of nullification and your reason’s for believing that.