Powers of Congress Organizer Instructions

Congress has power that is given to it by the Constitution; these powers are called delegated powers. Some of them are legislative or law making powers and some are non-legislative or non-lawmaking powers. Your job is to read pages 218 – 220 and use the text as well as the chart on page 220 to fill in the graphic organizer. The organizer is designed to place some powers given to Congress in specific categories, such as:

Financial- To benefit the general welfare, which focuses on mainly money

Defense- Military issues

Justice- Legal issues

You will notice at the bottom of each category I have typed in the number of answers needed to fill each box properly, some require for facts and one requires only 2. These do not have to be in complete sentences, bullet points are acceptable.

One last thing please read the section titled “Unlisted Powers” on page 220 and fill in the blanks in the sentence that follows.

Congress was given a highly controversial power that allows Congress to make laws that are _______________ ______ _______________ to carry out the listed powers written in the Constitution. This clause in the Constitution is sometimes called the _______________ _______________ because it allows Congress to stretch it’s powers when needed.