

Match the year to the correct description. Check your answers with page 7 of the book.

1	1804
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The Twenty-third Amendment is passed. Residents of the District of Columbia are given representation in the Electoral College.

2	2016
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In December, the number of electoral votes allocated to each state will be adjusted to reflect its population as recorded in the 2020 Census.

3	1961
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The Twelfth Amendment is ratified. Voters now fill out separate ballots for who they want to be president and vice president.

4	1824
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President Donald Trump is elected after winning the electoral vote, 304 to 227, over Hillary Clinton.

5	2020
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The Constitutional Convention amends and approves the Electoral College system proposed by the Committee of Eleven on Postponed Matters.

6	1787
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John Quincy Adams is the first president to lose the popular vote. He is awarded the presidency by the House of Representatives.

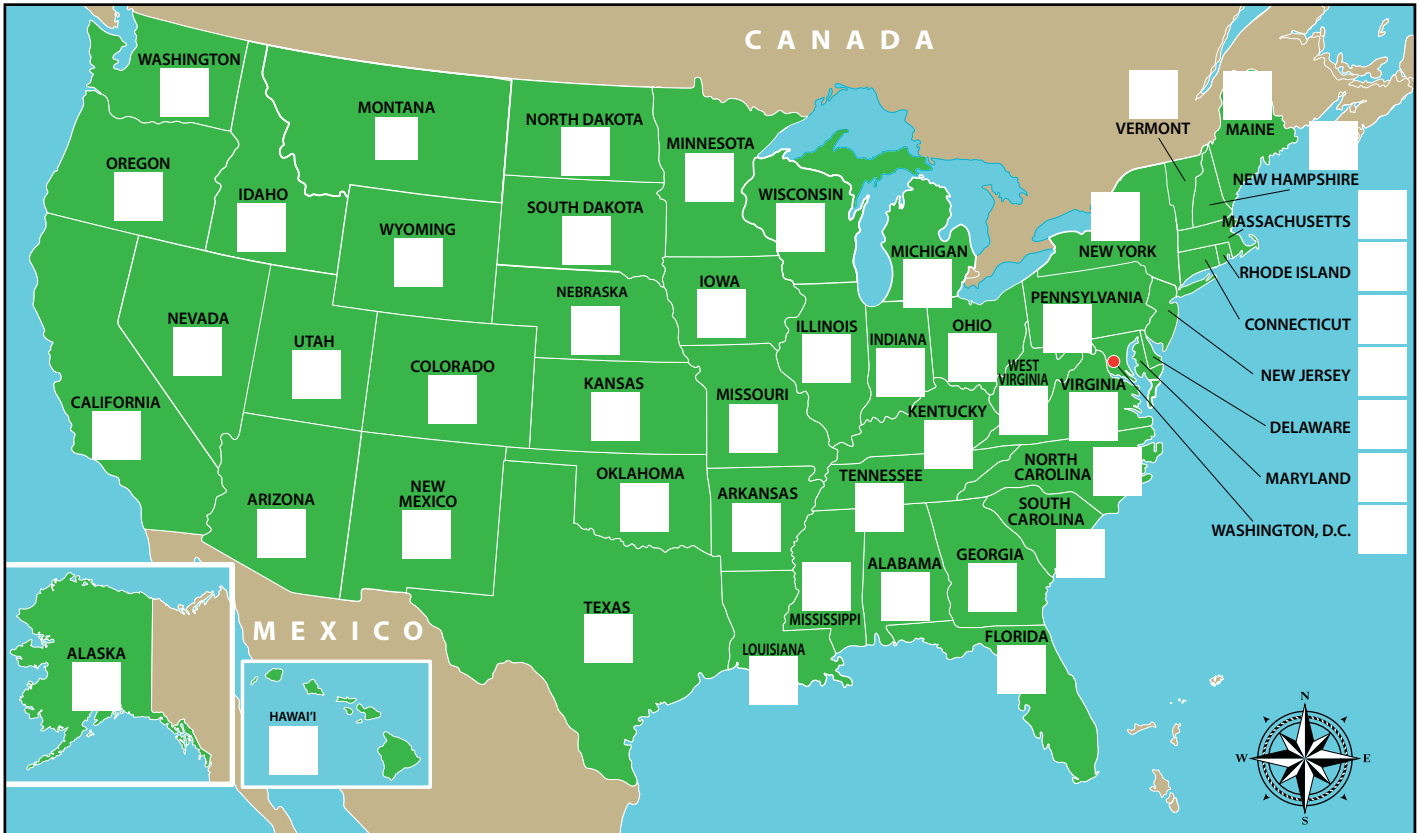


Electors in Each State

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Legend

- United States
- Other countries
- Water

Contiguous United States

250 Miles

Scale 0 250 Kilometers

Alaska

400 Miles

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Hawai'i

200 Miles

Scale 0 200 Kilometers

Using the internet and the library, research estimates of what the electoral map will look like once it is updated after the next census. Write the number of electoral votes each state will receive on the map and compare this map to the one on page 11. Did any states gain or lose electoral votes? Do you think the updated electoral map will accurately reflect the will of the American people? Record your responses in the space below.



Using the information in *The Electoral College*, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

1. Today, a candidate must win this many electoral votes to win.

A. 18

2. In the 1824 election, President John Quincy Adams lost the popular vote by almost this many votes.

B. 58

3. President Benjamin Harrison lost the popular vote by more than this many votes.

C. 12

4. Only this percentage of eligible voters took part in the 2016 presidential election.

D. 270

5. A person must be this many years old and a U.S. citizen in order to vote in a federal election.

E. 81

6. Hillary Clinton spent this many days campaigning in battleground states.

F. 95,000

7. The Constitutional Convention ended with this many states signing the U.S. Constitution.

G. 45,000



People have many different opinions about the electoral college. Using information found in the book and online, briefly identify and explain the arguments used in favor of and against the electoral college.

State which opinion you agree with and why.



True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *The Electoral College*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

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| Statement 1 | In the United States, the federal government is the central power. | <input type="checkbox"/> True
<input type="checkbox"/> False | Page Number | |
| Statement 2 | Donald Trump visited 35 states during the 2016 election. | <input type="checkbox"/> True
<input type="checkbox"/> False | Page Number | |
| Statement 3 | An improperly filled-out ballot is called an error ballot and will not be counted. | <input type="checkbox"/> True
<input type="checkbox"/> False | Page Number | |
| Statement 4 | In some cases, a candidate wins the popular vote but loses in the Electoral College. | <input type="checkbox"/> True
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| Statement 5 | Candidates do not campaign much in battleground states. | <input type="checkbox"/> True
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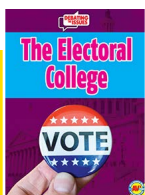
Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.

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- 1** Which two states split their electoral votes between the winner of the state and the winner of the national popular vote?
- 2** How many presidents have been elected without winning the popular vote?
- 3** How many electoral votes are needed to win the presidential election?
- 4** What determines how many electors a state gets?
- 5** How many faithless electors were there in the 2016 presidential election?
- 6** Who determines which candidate will become president if no one wins more than half of the electoral votes?
- 7** How many days did the 2016 presidential candidates spend campaigning in battleground states?
- 8** By how many votes did Hillary Clinton win the popular vote in the 2016 presidential election?



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

administration
ballots
campaign
candidate
congressional district
delegates

electors
margin
statisticians
turnout
viable



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| <p>1. <input type="text"/>
a person running for a political position or office</p> <p>2. <input type="text"/>
the gap between the winner and the loser in an election</p> <p>3. <input type="text"/>
an area that elects a member of the House of Representatives</p> <p>4. <input type="text"/>
people who analyze information having to do with numbers</p> <p>5. <input type="text"/>
machines or slips of paper that are used to record a person's vote</p> <p>6. <input type="text"/>
the number of people who vote in a single election</p> | <p>7. <input type="text"/>
people who are selected to vote, act, or attend meetings on behalf of other people</p> <p>8. <input type="text"/>
likely able to succeed</p> <p>9. <input type="text"/>
the group of people who work in the overnment's executive branch under a specific president</p> <p>10. <input type="text"/>
people who are chosen to represent their state and vote for the president</p> <p>11. <input type="text"/>
when political candidates do work, such as traveling or speaking, to convince people to vote for them</p> |
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Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** Maine and Nebraska
- 2** Five
- 3** 270
- 4** The number of Members of Congress a state has
- 5** 10
- 6** Congress
- 7** Clinton spent 81, Trump spent 118
- 8** Nearly 3 million votes

