



The Electoral College

Name: _____

1. Why does the U.S. have the Electoral College system?
2. Who are the electors? How are they chosen in your state?
3. What do the electors actually do? Can they vote any way they wish?
4. How many electoral votes are there? How are they divided among the states? How many does your state have? How does your state determine how many Electoral votes each candidate will get?
5. How many electoral votes are needed to win? What if no candidate receives a majority? Has this ever happened?
6. How often have the results of the Electoral College differed from the popular vote?

7. What are the PROS of the Electoral College system? Who favors it? Whom does it benefit?

8. What are the CONS of the Electoral College system? Who does not favor or might like to change it?