

Phrase/Word Bank
For
Electing the President

Correct answers are underlined, hints are not.

Page one:

1. at their Nation Convention
2. Electoral College to select
3. then run in primary elections
4. When people vote for the President they actually are voting for electors.
5. November election. Usually the main candidates are from the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.
6. requirements - 35 years old, 14 years a U.S. citizen, and naturalized born citizen.
7. Candidates declare they are running for president for a particular party.

Page two:

1. 538 - 435
2. The electoral voters vote based on who got the most popular votes is a particular state. For example.....
3. It is given to the House of Representatives where they will decide.
4. Voters vote for a presidential candidate in their home state.
5. They add up all the electoral votes and determine the winner of the presidency.
6. The candidate who gets the most votes or wins the popular vote in the state receives all the electoral votes. There is a set.....
7. You add the number of Representatives a state receives and the number of Senators. For example, Missouri

Page three:

1. They believed that the masses were not smart enough to elect the President.
2. Members of Congress and Federal employees.
3. May not show the will of the people. The winner

Name: _____ Date: _____ Hour: _____



Electing the President – The Electoral College

- Before you can be president you must meet the constitutional requirements –



Party Selection of Presidential Candidates

Step 1: _____

Step 2: Candidates then run in _____ against other candidates within the same party.

Step 3: Presidential candidate for each party is selected based on their performance in primary elections. The party will select the candidate at their _____. They will select the individual they feel will have the best chance of winning.

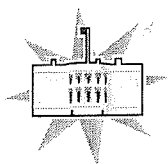
Step 4: After each party selects their candidate they then run against other party candidates in the November election. _____



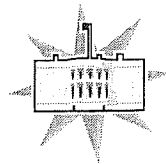
Presidential Election



- The Framers of the Constitution used a system called the _____ to select the President.
- The Electoral College – People selected in each state who gather to formally cast their ballots for the President and Vice President of the United States.



How the Electoral College works:



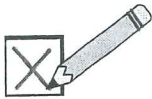
Step One: _____

Step Two: _____

_____. There is a set of electoral voters for each party ready to vote based on the outcome of the popular vote.

Step Three: _____
For example, if Bush won the popular vote in Missouri then he would receive all the electoral votes.

Step Four: _____



How many electoral votes does each state receive?

- _____
For example, Missouri has 11 electoral votes because we have 9 Representatives and 2 Senators.



Total Number of Electoral Votes:

- _____ - 435 Representatives + 100 Senators + 3 from the District of Columbia.

How Many Electoral Votes do you need to win the Presidency?

- _____

What if a candidate does not receive a majority of the Electoral Votes?



- It is given to the _____



Do the electors have to vote based on the winner of the Popular Vote?

- No, but some states require by law that electors vote based on the popular vote. 7 electors in the 20th century did not vote how they were supposed to. None of the faithless electors have decided the outcome of the election

Who is not allowed to be an elector?

- _____



Why did the Framers choose to use this system to select the President?

- _____
- Prevent Corruption of the Voting Process



Major Criticism of the Electoral College

- _____ . The winner of the Electoral College may not win the Popular Vote. Example – Election 2000 between Bush and Gore.

Name: _____

President in the News

Internet Site: _____ Article Date: _____

Article Title: _____ Author: _____

Where does it take place? _____

What individuals or groups are involved in the story? _____

Summary of Article – What is the president doing or what is the problem?

To which role or power of the president does this story relate (There can be more than one)?

Explain how this article relates to one of the 7 roles or powers of the President.