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ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Summary:

What is the *electoral college*?

It is a process used to elect the president of the United States

It was created by the Founding Fathers as part of the Constitution

Who are the electors?

Selection of electors: they are chosen by members of each political party (Dem. or Rep.) in the state

They are loyal party members

How do we know how many electors each state receives? Does each state get the same number?

Number of Electors = # of Senators + # of Representatives from that State

Electoral College has 538 total electors

How many electoral votes does a candidate need to win?

270 Votes to win

When do we vote? When do the electors vote?

We vote in November. Electors vote in December.

Vocabulary

A *swing state/battleground state* is:

A state which no single candidate or party has a clear majority of votes in order to win that state's electoral votes. "Swing" either Democrat or Republican

Winner-take-all means:

If a candidate wins the popular vote, they also win all of the electoral votes

A *census* is:

A population count taken every 10 years. Helps determine how many representatives each state gets in the House of Representatives

Bush vs. Gore (2000)

Exit Ticket:

If I could change the way we elect our president, I would...