

Electoral College Overview

DIRECTIONS: Go to [270 to win](#) and click on “Select the Year” to change the election year and answer the questions below. You will need to reference the candidates in the election, noted next to the electoral map. **In order to answer some questions, you will read about the “Election Facts”** below the electoral map. For other questions, you may have to use a general internet search to help you answer.

QUESTIONS:

Select year 2016 and answer the following questions:

1. Which candidate had the most “popular” votes?
2. Which candidates had the most “electoral” votes?
3. What do you think is interesting about this election?

Select the year 2000 and answer the following questions:

4. Which candidate had the most “popular” votes?
5. Which candidates had the most “electoral” votes?
6. What do you think is interesting about this election?

Select the year 1992 and answer the following questions:

7. Who represented the Democratic and Republican parties?
8. Who else was running for President this year? How many votes did they get? Why didn't they receive any electoral votes?

Select the year 1968 and answer the following questions:

9. Which candidate was considered the “3rd party” or “independent” candidate during this election?
10. How many electoral votes did this candidate receive and in which states?
11. Think about Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education. (These are Supreme Court cases we will learn about in class...but what issue was controversial in many of the southern states during the 1960's?) What do you think this candidate supported and why? (based on the information from the last question)

Look at the following election years: 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944

12. Which president was elected 4 times? What amendment makes this illegal? (**check the 1948 election facts**) When was this amendment ratified?

Select the year 1936 and answer the following questions:

13. Which amendment was ratified for this election and what did the amendment actually do?

Select the year 1920 and answer the following questions:

14. What group of people were allowed to vote for the first time during this election AND what amendment allowed this?

Select the year 1912 and answer the following questions:

15. Which candidate received more votes than the Republican Party's candidate AND what party was he a part of?

Select the year 1904 and answer the following questions:

16. Who won this election and what party was he a part of?
17. Which year did this person run for president as a member of another party?

Select the year 1888 and answer the following questions:

18. Which candidate had the most “popular” votes?
19. Which candidates had the most “electoral” votes?
20. What do you think is interesting about this election?

Select the year 1876 and answer the following questions:

21. Which candidate had the most “popular” votes?
22. Which candidates had the most “electoral” votes?
23. What do you think is interesting about this election?

Select the year 1864 and answer the following questions:

24. Why didn't the Southern states participate in the Presidential Election?

Select the year 1824 and answer the following questions:

25. Which candidate had the most Electoral AND Popular votes?
26. Why didn't this candidate win the election? (Why did John Quincy Adams win instead?)

Select the year 1789 and answer the following questions:

27. What was significant about this Presidential Election?