

# The Electoral College – Exercises

## 1 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

How many electors are there in the Electoral College? How do you get to this number? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which state has three additional electors? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the popular vote? Describe it ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has anyone ever received a majority of popular votes and lost the election? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

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When does the Electoral College meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do some Americans think that the system is wrong? Give a few reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are smaller states in favour of the system? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why didn't the founding fathers want all of the people to elect a president? \_\_\_\_\_

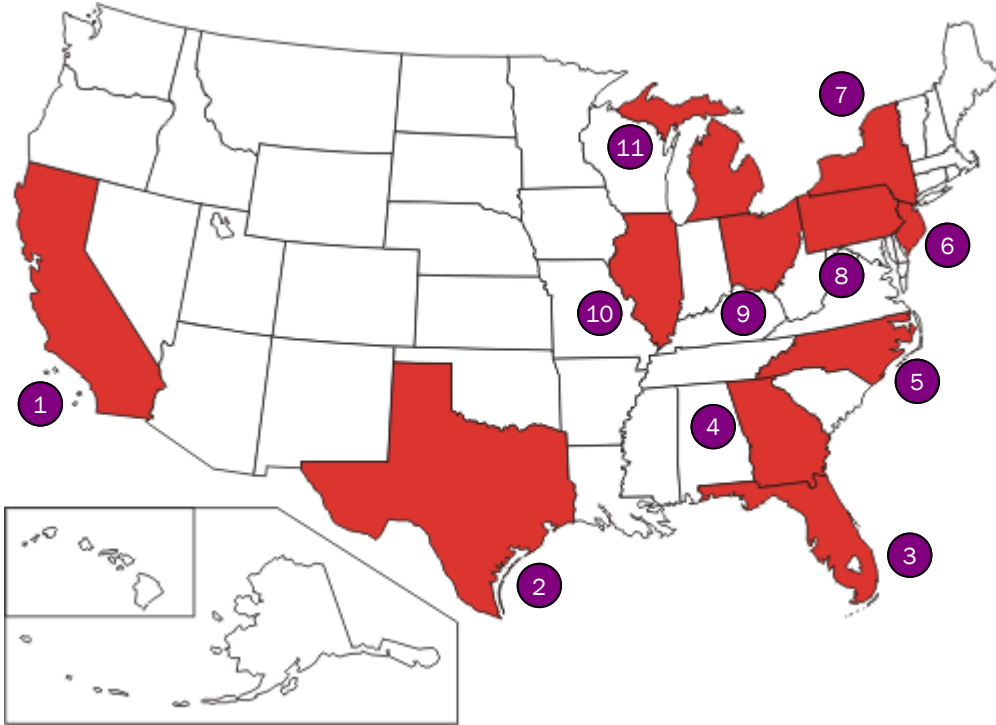
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## 2 TRUE OR FALSE

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California has the most electoral votes		
There are 435 senators in the USA.		
A candidate needs 270 votes to win the election		
A candidate who has a majority of the popular votes always wins the election.		
The president is officially elected in November.		
If a candidate wins most of the popular votes of a state he/she gets all of the electoral votes		
The electoral system is an advantage for smaller states		

**3 LOOK UP THE NAMES OF THE 11 STATES WITH THE MOST ELECTORAL VOTES ! USE AN ATLAS !**



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