

Topic Four: The Electoral College

Student Name: _____

Divide into four groups. Each group will research a specific topic. Use various resources to locate information on your topic and report to the class what you have learned about the electoral college.

1. What important U.S. document states that an electoral college is the final deciding factor to decide who wins the general election for a U.S. president?
2. How many electors from the electoral college are in each state? How is this number determined?
3. On what date do the electors cast their ballots for the U.S. president?
4. The votes of electors are sent to congress. Who counts these votes and on what date does this take place?
5. Which branch of government will decide the winner if there is not a clear majority?
6. Has there ever been a president who won an election by electoral votes instead of general election (popular) votes? If yes, who?
7. On what date do the newly elected president and vice president take the oath of office and begin their new jobs?