**How the Electoral College works Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Class\_\_\_\_**

YouTube video <http://youtu.be/OUS9mM8Xbbw> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUS9mM8Xbbw&feature=relmfu>

Watch the Video titled “How the Electoral College works”.

**Electoral College** is an example of an indirect election, consisting of 538 electors who officially elect the President and Vice President of the United States. The number of electors is equal to the total voting membership of the United States Congress, 435 Representatives and 100 Senators, plus three electors from the District of Columbia.Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution specifies the number of electors to which each state is entitled and state legislatures decide how they are chosen.

Voters cast ballots for electors pledged to presidential and vice presidential candidates. Although electors are not required by federal law to honor a pledge, in the overwhelming majority of cases they vote for the candidate to whom they are pledged.The Twelfth Amendment provides for each elector to cast one vote for President and one vote for Vice President. It also specifies how a President and Vice President are elected. The Twenty-third Amendment specifies how many electors the District of Columbia is entitled to have.

Answer the questions below, in complete sentences, based on the topics discussed in the video. Take your time. You can start, pause and go back as much as you need. You can choose to print this or answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper typed or handwritten works for me. Don’t forget to put your name on it!

1. What is ELECTION DAY?
2. But is it REALLY? Explain why we don’t directly choose our President
3. How many total votes are cast to determine who WINS!? (cuz isn’t that the point?)
4. How is the total number of electoral votes determined?
5. What is the minimum number of votes allocated to each state?
6. How many states give ALL their Electoral College votes to the candidate who wins their state?
7. Does it matter what the margin of the win is? Explain
8. DUDE!! How do we account for the 11 million Americans who don’t live in a state? Where are these people? (Speak like Jerry Seinfeld!)
9. Does the Electoral College not “like” anyone? Who and Why?
10. Ok…where is the WEIRDEST place where a citizen is allowed to cast votes?
11. What is the ONE really ODD thing about the Electoral College and the members when it comes to ACTUALLY choosing the president? (I mean…REALLY? They don’t HAVE too? Huh!)
12. SERIOUSLY!? They voted against the wishes of the people? WOW! How many times?
13. So why do we have this crazy system of electing the president? EXPLAIN!
14. When does the *ACTUALL* election take place?