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## ELECTORAL COLLEGE WEBQUEST

**Directions:** Answer the questions below using the corresponding websites. You should answer in your own words – please paraphrase the information you find.

### U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES: THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

- Your “home base” website is <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/about.html>.
  - You will need to use the links in the sidebar in addition to the home page.

1. Why was the Electoral College founded?

2. How many votes do states get in the Electoral College?

a. How many votes does New York get?

*(You'll have to use your research skills to answer this question. You will find it on this site, but may have to search – or use another website, if you're stuck. The same applies to part b.)*

b. Which state has the most Electors? How many electors do they have?

3. Who selects the Electors?

4. Can citizens in U.S. Territories vote for president?

5. Why do we still have the Electoral College?

6. What happens if no presidential candidate gets 270 electoral votes?



15. Fill in the chart below as you finish the article. Leave space for additional pros and cons that may come up as we discuss the Electoral College.

Pros of the Electoral College	Cons of the Electoral College

**FORBES MAGAZINE: "TOM GOLISANO ON REVOLUTIONIZING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE"**

- Read the following article and answer the questions below.  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/edwindurgy/2011/09/22/tom-golisano-on-revolutionizing-the-electoral-college/>

16. What are the three (3) major flaws of the Electoral College according to Tom Golisano?

17. Explain the National Popular Vote system.

18. What support does Golisano give for supporting the National Popular Vote system?

## FORMING AN OPINION

19. Consider all the information you have been presented with regarding the Electoral College. Then decide whether we should keep the Electoral College or abolish it. For full credit, give at least two pieces of factual support.
  
20. Go to the website [www.270towin.com](http://www.270towin.com), click on “historical elections timeline.” Click the drop down menu and go to the election from the year 2000. Do you find anything “strange” about the vote count? Explain why this was considered a controversial election.
  
21. Do you agree or disagree with the National Popular Vote system? Explain your answer. (this should be at least a paragraph of 7-9 sentences)