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Discussion questions

What's the deal with the Electoral College?

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1. The video explains that a candidate can win the popular vote and still lose the presidency. Do you think that outcome is fair? Why or why not?

2. Suppose you live in a “safe” state that always votes for the same party. Since it seems that one vote can’t change the result, would you still vote? Explain your reasoning.

3. The video describes how battleground states get more campaign attention than less competitive states. Do you think this changes which issues presidential candidates focus on? How?

4. What do you think the framers were trying to protect against when they created the Electoral College, and does that concern still apply today?

5. If the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact went into effect, how do you think presidential campaigns would change?