



What is the Electoral College? - Quiz

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Q1. How many electoral votes are needed to win the U.S. presidential election?

- A. 270
- B. 300
- C. 538
- D. 250

Q2. Which state has the greatest number of electoral votes?

- A. Texas
- B. Florida
- C. California
- D. New York

Q3. What happens if no candidate receives 270 electoral votes?

- A. The Senate chooses the President
- B. The House of Representatives chooses the President
- C. A nationwide popular vote decides
- D. The Supreme Court appoints the President

Q4. Which two states do not use the winner-takes-all approach for electoral votes?

- A. Maine and Nebraska
- B. Alaska and Hawaii
- C. Vermont and New Hampshire
- D. Idaho and Montana

Q5. How many total electoral votes are there in the Electoral College?

- A. 435
- B. 538
- C. 270
- D. 600

Q6. What is a 'faithless elector'?

- A. An elector who votes for a third-party candidate
- B. An elector who does not vote
- C. An elector who votes against their pledged candidate
- D. An elector who is not registered to vote

Q7. When do electors cast their votes for President and Vice President?

- A. On Election Day
- B. In mid-December
- C. On Inauguration Day
- D. In early November

Q8. Which body counts the electoral votes in a joint session?

- A. The Supreme Court
- B. The Senate
- C. The House of Representatives
- D. Congress

Q9. Who is barred from serving as an elector in the Electoral College?

- A. State governors
- B. Sitting members of Congress
- C. Former Presidents
- D. Military officers

Q10. How many faithless electors have significantly impacted a presidential election?

- A. None
- B. 7
- C. 12
- D. 3

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: D
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: A