**[Electoral College Webquest](https://mr-shulman.wikispaces.com/Electoral+College+Webquest)**

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Directions: Access this webquest via my wikispace at <http://debeswiki.wikispaces.com/home>

(it is listed under the classwork page). When you access it online, each question is hyperlinked to a website to help you find the correct answer. You can also feel free to use other websites/outside resources to help you answer these questions. While you do this assignment, you should be evaluating whether or not you like or dislike the Electoral College system.   
  
**I.** [**Historical Viewpoint**](http://www.thisnation.com/question/051.html)**:**   
1. Why did the Founders of the Constitution establish an Electoral College to choose the president?

**II.** [**How does the Electoral College Works**](http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_elec.html)**?**   
2. Explain how the Electoral College works by listing the steps numerically (use as few words as possible).

**III. The Controversial Presidential Elections:**  
3. Go to this [website](http://archive.fairvote.org/e_college/controversial.htm#1800). Follow the directions below in order to understand why the following elections were so controversial.

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| **Election** | **Candidates Involved (include political party of each candidate)** | **Why is this election considered controversial?** |
| Election of **1800** |  |  |
| Election of **1824** |  |  |
| Election of **1876** |  |  |
| Election of **2000** |  |  |

**IV. Should we keep the Electoral College?**

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| List at least three reasons why we should keep using the Electoral College. | List at least three reasons why we should remove the Electoral College. |
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**VI. Helpful Resources:**   
<http://www.time.com/time/election2004/article/0,18471,749496,00.html> (Overall explanation)  
<http://www.america.gov/st/elections08-english/2008/April/20080523105932WRybakcuH0.8598596.html> (Reasons for Removing the Electoral College)   
<http://supak.com/election_2000/> (Anti Electoral College)   
<http://www.heritage.org/Research/LegalIssues/upload/71242_1.pdf> (Pro Electoral College)   
<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oew-hough3-2008sep03,0,95460.story> (Pro Electoral College)