

**The Electoral College**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry #** \_\_\_\_\_

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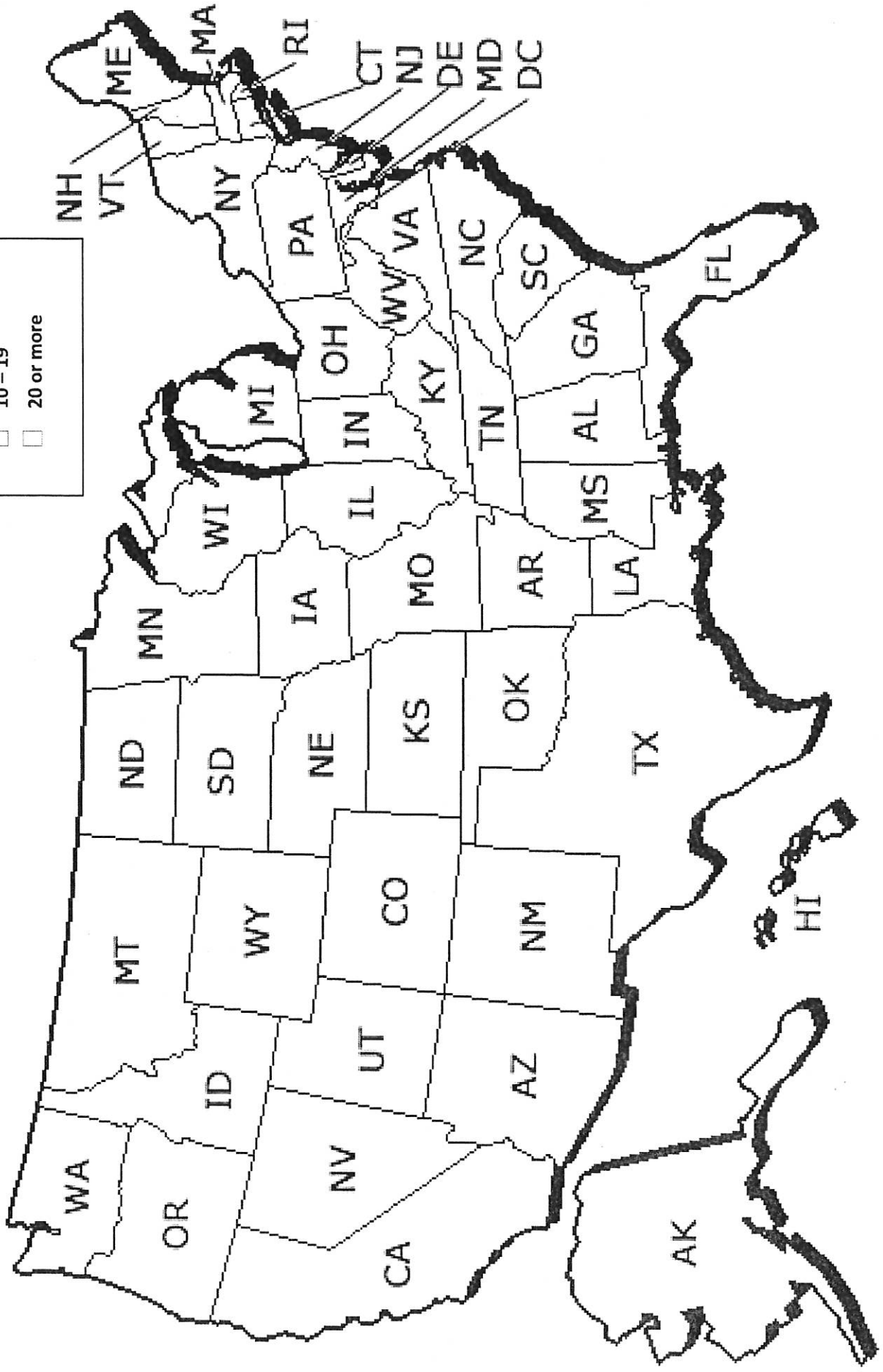
1. Label each state with its number of electoral votes.
2. Color-code each state according to the key at the right (pick your own colors).

**States' Electoral Votes**

3 - 9

10 - 19

20 or more



# The Electoral Process

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## D. Vocabulary.

Match the definitions to the words they describe.

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| ___1. When a candidate states that he or she is planning to run for office                                     | A) delegate          |
| ___2. Party meetings where candidates are selected and the platform is created                                 | B) nominee           |
| ___3. Someone who represents the party views of a state at a national convention                               | C) campaign          |
| ___4. The person who is chosen to run as a party's candidate in the national election                          | D) declare           |
| ___5. Given by the people selected to run for President and Vice President at the end of a national convention | E) convention        |
| ___6. A collection of all the efforts a candidate makes to win an election                                     | F) acceptance speech |

## E. Something's Missing!

Fill in the paragraph with the correct terms in the word box.

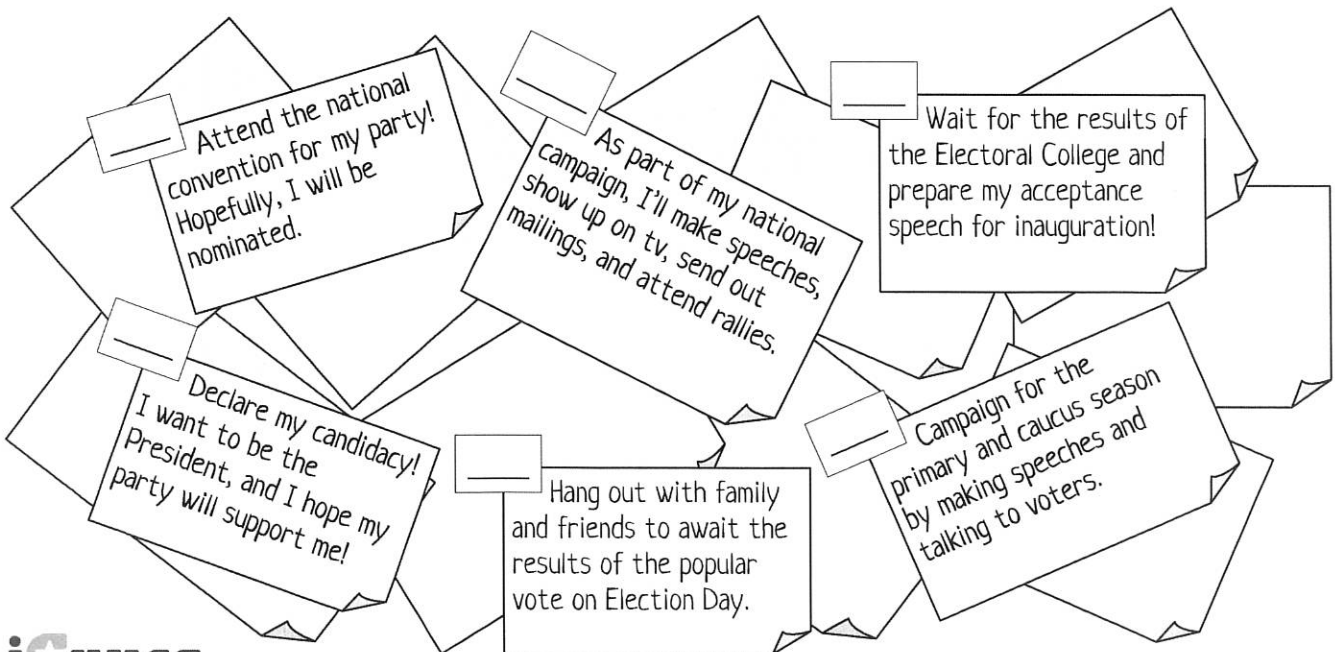
Electoral College    popular vote    absolute majority    electors



Every four years on Election Day, the American public elects the president of the United States. The first set of election results tallies the \_\_\_\_\_, a count of every vote cast. These results determine whom each state's \_\_\_\_\_ will support when they meet and participate in the \_\_\_\_\_. In order to win, a candidate must have 270 out of a total of 538 electoral votes. This number is half of 538 (269) plus one, which is considered a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

## F. Ooops!

A candidate made a to-do list for his run for the presidency, but he dropped it and everything got mixed up. Help him out by numbering the items so the list can be put in the right order.



\_\_\_ Attend the national convention for my party! Hopefully, I will be nominated.

\_\_\_ As part of my national campaign, I'll make speeches, show up on tv, send out mailings, and attend rallies.

\_\_\_ Wait for the results of the Electoral College and prepare my acceptance speech for inauguration!

\_\_\_ Declare my candidacy! I want to be the President, and I hope my party will support me!

\_\_\_ Hang out with family and friends to await the results of the popular vote on Election Day.

\_\_\_ Campaign for the primary and caucus season by making speeches and talking to voters.