

U.S. Government Test

The Presidency

Presidential Powers

1. Fill in the attached chart. Provide one example per box.

The Electoral College

1. Write a paragraph or two describing the Electoral College. Your answer should include the following.
 - a. How many total electoral votes are there?
 - b. How many votes does a candidate have to win in order to win the presidency? What does that number represent?
 - c. If no candidate reaches that number, or if it is a tie, what happens?
 - d. The number of electors each state has is equal to what?
 - e. How does a candidate win a state's electoral votes, and how many does he/she get?
 - f. What is the main flaw in the Electoral College?
2. Answer the following questions about the elections.
 - a. 1800
 - i. Between Jefferson and Burr, who won the popular vote?
 - ii. Why was it necessary to pass a new amendment after this election?
 - iii. What role did Alexander Hamilton play in this election?
 - b. 1824
 - i. Which candidate received a majority of either the popular or electoral vote?
 - ii. What happened as a result?
 - iii. How did John Quincy Adams win if he won neither the electoral or popular vote?
 - iv. What role did Henry Clay play in the election?
 - v. What was the Corrupt Bargain?
 - c. 1876
 - i. What was unique about this election?
 - ii. What did the Civil War have to do with this election?
 - d. 1888
 - i. Compare Grover Cleveland's popular vote to his electoral vote. What do you notice?
 - ii. What did Grover Cleveland do that no other president has done?
 - e. 2000
 - i. How many popular votes separated Al Gore and George Bush?
 - ii. Did the Electoral College play a significant role in this election? What was the effect of the popular vote on this election?
 - iii. When was the last time an election turned out like this in the Electoral College?

Current Events

1. Answer the attached questions.