1. Say that on Election Day, the Democratic candidate wins a majority of votes in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New York, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia. The Republican candidate wins Florida, Texas, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and California.
a. How many electoral votes go to the Democrat?
b. How many go to the Republican?
c. Which nine of the remaining states would give the Democrat the victory?
2. What is the fewest number of states a candidate needs to win to get 270 electoral votes?
3. Say no candidate in a three-candidate race wins a majority of electoral votes.
a. What is the maximum number of electoral votes the third-place candidate could have received?
b. What is the maximum number of states that candidate could have won to finish third?
4. Do you think every American's vote has the same weight in our electoral system? Why or why not?
5. Do you think a candidate from California has an edge over one from Alaska? Why or why not?
6. Say you're running for President. Make a list of states you'd most want to visit during the critical last two weeks of the campaign. Why would you choose those states?


## How Many Electoral Votes Does Each State Get?

| Alabama 9 | Louisiana 8 | Ohio 18 |
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| Alaska 3 | Maine 4 | Oklahoma 7 |
| Arizona 11 | Maryland 10 | Oregon 7 |
| Arkansas 6 | Massachusetts 11 | Pennsylvania 20 |
| California 55 | Michigan 16 | Rhode Island 4 |
| Colorado 9 | Minnesota 10 | South Carolina 9 |
| Connecticut 7 | Mississippi 6 | South Dakota 3 |
| Delaware 3 | Missouri 10 | Tennessee 11 |
| Florida 29 | Montana 3 | Texas 38 |
| Georgia 16 | Nebraska 5 | Utah 6 |
| Hawaii 4 | Nevada 6 | Vermont 3 |
| Idaho 4 | New Hampshire 4 | Virginia 13 |
| Illinois 20 | New Jersey 14 | Washington 12 |
| Indiana 11 | New Mexico 5 | West Virginia 5 |
| lowa 6 | New York 29 | Wisconsin 10 |
| Kansas 6 | North Carolina 15 | Wyoming 3 |
| Kentucky 8 | North Dakota 3 | District of Columbia 3 |

