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Section 3: The Federal Government The Electoral College

In the presidential election, each state has one electoral vote for each of its U.S. senators plus one vote for each of its U.S. representatives. The District of Columbia has three electoral votes.

Alabama..... 9	Louisiana..... 9	Oklahoma..... 7
Alaska..... 3	Maine 4	Oregon 7
Arizona 10	Maryland 10	Pennsylvania 21
Arkansas 6	Massachusetts 12	Rhode Island 4
California 55	Michigan..... 17	South Carolina 8
Colorado 9	Minnesota 10	South Dakota 3
Connecticut..... 7	Mississippi..... 6	Tennessee..... 11
Delaware..... 3	Missouri..... 11	Texas..... 34
District of Columbia..... 3	Montana 3	Utah..... 5
Florida..... 27	Nebraska..... 5	Vermont 3
Georgia..... 15	Nevada 5	Virginia 13
Hawaii 4	New Hampshire 4	Washington 11
Idaho 4	New Jersey 15	West Virginia..... 5
Illinois..... 21	New Mexico 5	Wisconsin 10
Indiana 11	New York..... 31	Wyoming 3
Iowa 7	North Carolina 15	Total..... 538
Kansas..... 6	North Dakota 3	
Kentucky..... 8	Ohio..... 20	

Directions: Go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Electoral_College and examine the map showing the number of electoral votes in each state. Also, examine the map that shows the electoral vote for Barack Obama and John McCain in the 2008 presidential election. Using the data from the chart and the electoral maps, plot how your candidate could acquire the required 270 electoral votes to win the presidency in the following scenarios.

1. Win 270 electoral votes without winning California, Texas, or New York. _____

2. Win 270 electoral votes by winning only states that have 10 or more electoral votes. _____

3. Can the presidency be won by only winning states that are east of the Mississippi River? How many electoral votes do those states equal? _____
4. What is the most efficient way to reach 270 electoral votes? (List the fewest states that equal 270 electoral votes.) _____

