**Unit 2: Homework 2**

**Electoral College**

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*Read pages 263-265 and complete the following:*

Short Answer Questions:

1. Describe how a citizen’s vote helps select a new President.
2. How many total votes are in the Electoral College? How many electoral votes does a candidate need to win the Electoral College?
3. How do we determine the number of electoral votes each state receives?
4. What is the role of the “elector” in the Electoral College process?
5. Why does the United States use the Electoral College process instead of directly electing the president and vice president?
6. ***Opinion Time!*** List one pro and one con of the Electoral College process.

Part III: True False

\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Electoral College process went out of use in the 1960’s.

\_\_\_\_\_\_.The Electoral College process is used to select all members of the federal government.

\_\_\_\_\_\_.When you and cast a ballot, we are voting for a group of electors from our state.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Electoral College process is used only in years when we elect a new president.

\_\_\_\_\_\_.There are 435 total votes in the Electoral College.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. A state’s electoral votes are based on a state’s Congressional representation

\_\_\_\_\_\_. A candidate must win 270 votes to win the Electoral College election.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. The candidate who wins the popular vote always wins the election.