**2012 Presidential Election**

1. What is the popular vote?
2. What is the Electoral College?
3. The Federal government is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government in the United States.
4. Other governments include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The two houses of Congress (legislative branch) are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. How does each state decide which presidential candidate to support?
7. The amount of electors (votes) in each state depends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why are some states more important to presidential candidates than others? (for example, why is New York more important than Connecticut?)
9. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electors in the whole country.
10. What date is the president sworn in?
11. Identify 3 important states the Obama won in the 2008 election:
12. Identify 3 important states that McCain won in the 2008 election:
13. Which states helped the presidential candidate win in 2012?
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people voted Democratic (Obama) in Colorado in 2008.
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people voted Republic (McCain) in Colorado in 2008.
16. Obama received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes and McCain received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes in 2008 in Colorado.
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18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people voted Republic (Romney) in Colorado in 2012.
19. Obama received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes and Romney received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes in 2012 in Colorado.
20. What do you think about the election process and the electoral college?