**Warm-up**

In order to ensure that “qualified people” would elect the president, Congress set up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Under this system, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are chosen by their political parties to represent their state – in return, these people pledge to vote for that party’s candidate if he or she should win the popular vote in the state. Each political party chooses its own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for each state.

On election day, regular citizens like you and I go out and vote. Our votes count towards the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In any given state, whichever candidate wins the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gets ALL the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for that state. The number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a state gets is based on the total number of people that state has in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PLUS two (the total number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each state has).

It is totally possible for a presidential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to win the national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but lose the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and, in return, not win the presidency.

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