



The Electoral College Assessment

Task: Research the pros and cons of the Electoral College. Use the T-chart for notes to help you develop your argument and opinion. Read Chapter 13, Sections 3 and 5. Read the two articles given out in class. View the videos from the Bill of Rights Institute about the pros and cons of the current system. Do your own research if you need more to go on. Write a paragraph stating the "pros" or attributes about the Electoral College. Then write a paragraph about the "cons" so that you are seeing both sides of the issue. Finally write up a paragraph outlining your opinion about the current Electoral College system. If you opt to keep the current system, please share at least three reasons why. If you choose to keep the system but with a few changes, please share what those changes are and reasons for making such changes. Finally, if you opt to get rid of the current system in favor of another system, please share your plan and give details about this complete overhaul. Be specific with each paragraph and include enough details to make a strong point. We will then discuss/debate this topic in class.

Details: You will type up your three paragraphs and print out the paper to give to the teacher. You will need a heading on this paper. Information included in the heading is as follows: Your name, the class and period, teacher's name, and the date. No introduction paragraph is necessary. You simply need three well thought out paragraphs, as described above. Your work will equal 35 points (as for a normal assessment). You will be graded on completion, accuracy, creativity and neatness.

Paragraph One: The Pros (at least 2) of the Electoral College Research = 10 pts
 Paragraph Two: The Cons (at least 2) of the Electoral College Research = 10 pts
 Paragraph Three: Your opinion about the current Electoral College system = 10 pts
 heading, Paper Organization and Neatness and Punctuality = 5 more points

Due Date: _____ (late papers lose 5 pts a day)