

# Do we need the Electoral College?



## Supporting Questions

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1. What is the Electoral College?
2. What are the pros and cons of the Electoral College?
3. Does the Electoral College function today as it did originally?

## Do we need the Electoral College?

### Staging the Question

View the You Tube Clip [Does My Vote Count?](#) and begin a discussion of how elections work.

### Supporting Question 1

What is the Electoral College?

#### Formative Performance Task

Write a paragraph the Electoral College as it is used in America.

#### Featured Sources

**Source A:** [What is the Electoral College?](#)

**Source B:** Schoolhouse Rock Electoral College video

**Source C:** [Why the Electoral College?](#)

### Supporting Question 2

What are the pros and cons of the Electoral College?

#### Formative Performance Task

Create a T chart to illustrate pros and cons of the electoral college.

#### Featured Sources

**Source A:** [The Electoral College: Top 3 Pros and Cons](#)

**Source B:** [Chart of Pros and Cons of Electoral College](#)

### Supporting Question 3

Does the Electoral College function today as it did originally?

#### Formative Performance Task

Create a position in support or opposition to the question and support with evidence.

#### Featured Sources

**Source A:** [Defending the Electoral College](#)

**Source B:** [NPR: Critics Work to get rid of the Electoral College](#)

**Source C:** [Why The Electoral College Is More Relevant Today Than Ever Before](#)

### Summative Performance Task

**ARGUMENT:** “*Do we need the Electoral College?*” Construct an argument (e.g., detailed outline, poster, essay) that discusses the compelling question using specific claims and relevant evidence from **both** historic and current sources while acknowledging competing views.

**EXTENSION:** Create an alternative plan to elect the president of the United States.