

## Sample Answers Electoral College Questions

<p>1. Why did the Framers create the Electoral College?</p> <p>The Framers distrusted a pure democracy. They were concerned if people would have enough wisdom and access to information to make the best choice for a national leader. The Electoral College was a compromise that allowed the people to still choose but ensure state differences were mitigated.</p>	<p>2. Does the Electoral College need further amending? Why or why not?</p> <p>Answers will vary; make sure they are giving their reasoning.</p> <p>Possibly yes because twice in recent times an individual won the popular vote but not the Electoral College/presidency. Also some of the Framers' concerns like access to information are no longer present.</p> <p>Possibly not because it is what the Framers/Founders wanted and overall, the majority of the time, it works.</p>
<p>3. Why was the 12th Amendment created? What problems did it solve?</p> <p>It was created after issues with the elections of 1796 and 1800. It made sure that electors designate their votes for president and vice president. This solved the problem of having a president and vice president from different political parties.</p>	<p>4. What can be done to expand the knowledge of American voters regarding the Electoral College?</p> <p>Answers will vary; make sure they are giving their reasoning.</p>