| 1. Why did the Framers create the Electoral College?  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. | 2.Does the Electoral College need further amending? Why or why not?  Answers will vary; make sure they are giving their reasoning.  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.  Possibly not because it is what the Framers/Founders wanted and overall, the majority of the time, it works. |
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| 3.Why was the 12th Amendment created? What problems did it solve?  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. | 4.What can be done to expand the knowledge of American voters regarding the Electoral College?  Answers will vary; make sure they are giving their reasoning. |