

Niveau visé

B2

Classe

1ère spé AMC / Tle spé AMC

Durée

1h

Compétences

C.E/ E.O.C

Objectifs

Méthodologiques

Apprendre les essentiels du processus électoral américain concernant les élections présidentielles, revoir certaines infographies sur les Etats-Unis, présenter le programme politique des deux principaux candidats, connaître le lexique relatif aux élections américaines.



U.S. PRESIDENTIAL

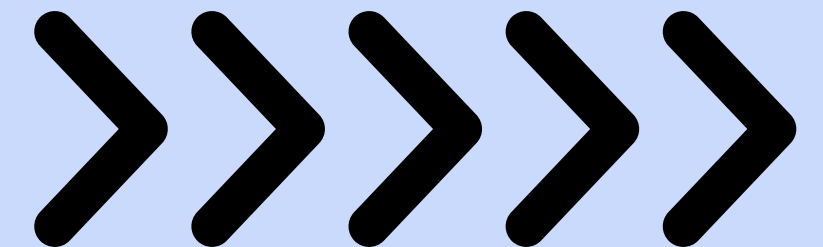
ELECTIONS

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I. Requirements

- 1- The candidate must be a natural-born citizen of the United States
- 2- He/She must be at least 35 years old
- 3- He/She must have lived in the U.S. for at least 14 years
- 4- No person can be elected president more than twice



Quiz

What are the two main political parties in the United States of America called?



2. Political parties

There are two main political parties in the U.S.

- The Republican party also known as the **Grand Old Party (GOP)** is represented by the colour red and the elephant.
- Republicans are considered to be **conservative** and placed on the **right** of the political spectrum.
- Their political goals are mainly focused on: gun rights; low taxes; smaller government; strict legislations on immigration and abortion.

2. Political parties

- The Democrats are represented by the colour blue and the donkey.
- They are considered liberal.
- They are placed on the **left** (close to the centre) of the political spectrum.
- Their political goals focus on civil rights; environmental issues; social safety legislation.
- *Third parties do not have a major impact on U.S. politics but they do exist and also have candidates for presidential elections.*



Quiz

Name the candidates for 2024 U.S. presidential election and the political parties they are affiliated with



2. CANDIDATES



DONALD TRUMP
Republican



KAMALA HARRIS
Democrat



CHASE OLIVER
Third party

Of course there are others....

3. VOTING RULES

The election is held every four years on the first Tuesday of November

1

WAYS TO VOTE

Citizens can vote by email in advance or in polling stations.

2

ELECTORS

Americans do not directly vote for the president but for electors in their respective state.

3

WINNING

To win an election a candidate must secure at least 270 electors' votes. Some states have more electors than others.

4. POLITICAL PROCESS

Some states are called swing states because candidates don't know beforehand if they will get enough votes or not to win the election

1

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Electors =
Senators +
Representatives

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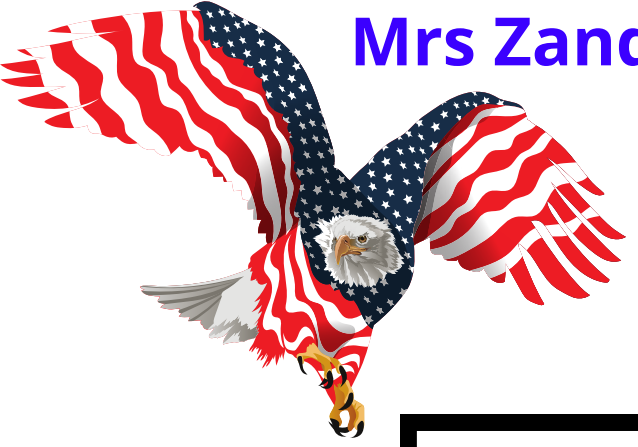
STATES NB OF ELECTORS

Every state has two senators.
The number of representatives is based on the population of each state

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VOTING PROCESS

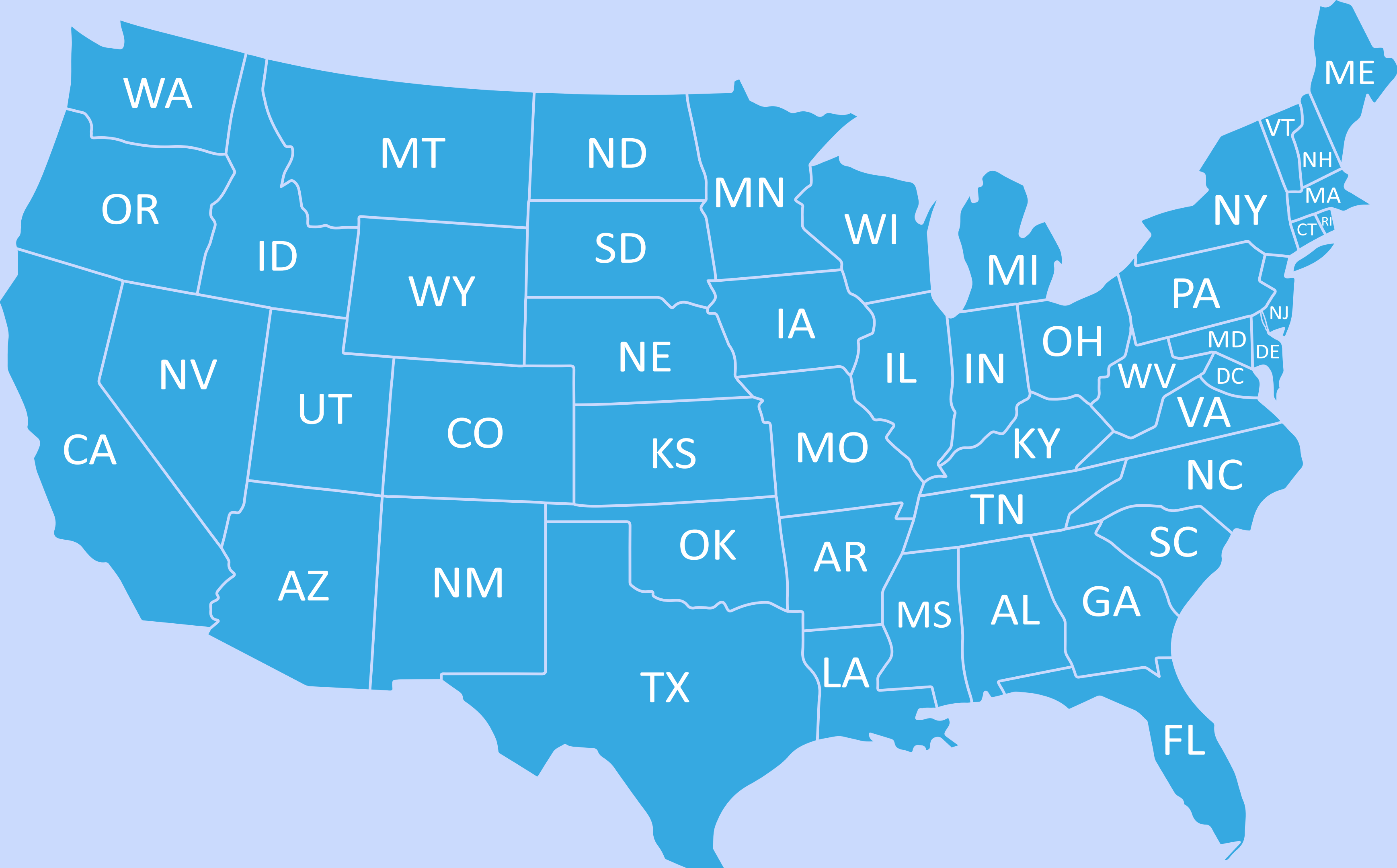
Usually electors vote according to the results of the popular vote (=candidate who won the most votes) it is called "winner-take-all system"



Quiz

Name as many U.S. states
as you can. You have 10
minutes.
(The winning team will
get a bonus)





WA

OR

ID

MT

ND

MN

WI

MI

NY

VT

NH

ME

MA

CT

RI

WY

SD

IA

IL

IN

OH

PA

NJ

MD

DE

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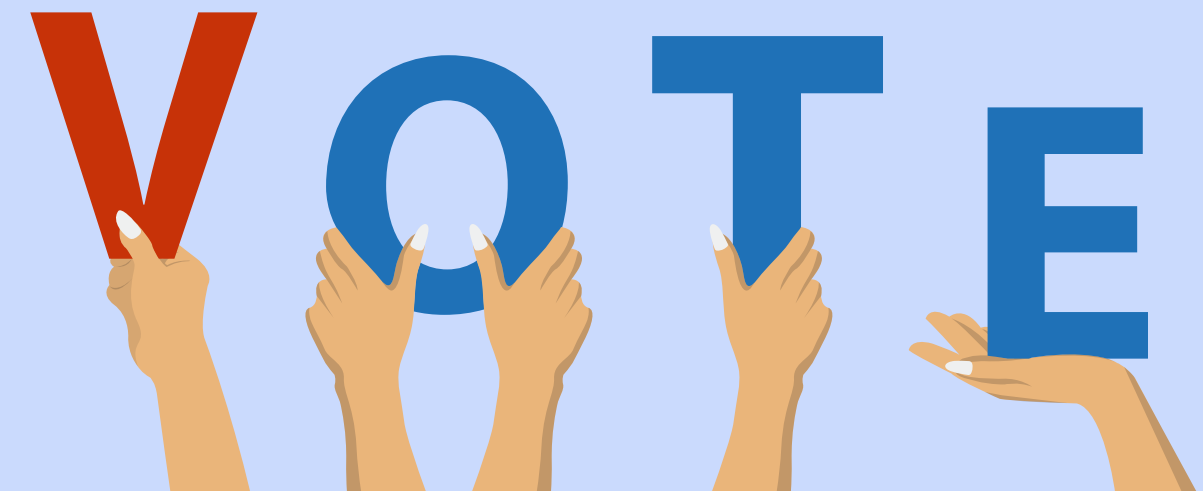
TX

FL

States with the most electoral votes



- 1.** California : 54 votes
- 2.** Texas: 40 votes
- 3.** Florida: 30 votes
- 4.** New York: 28 votes
- 5.** Illinois/ Pennsylvania: 19 votes
- 6.** Ohio: 17 votes

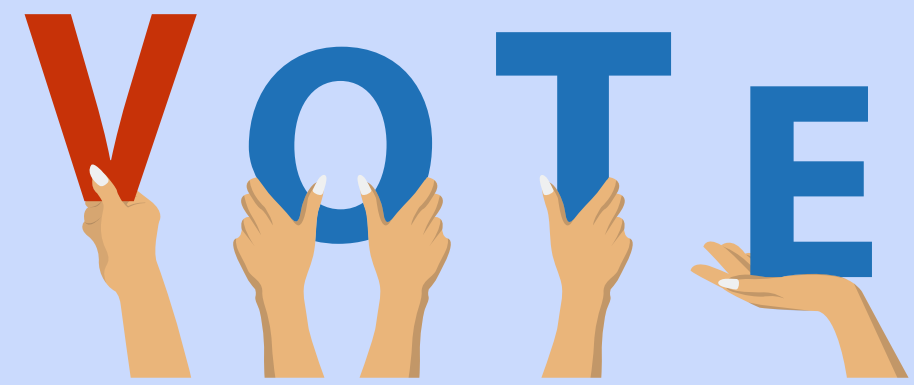


Swing states also known as battleground states

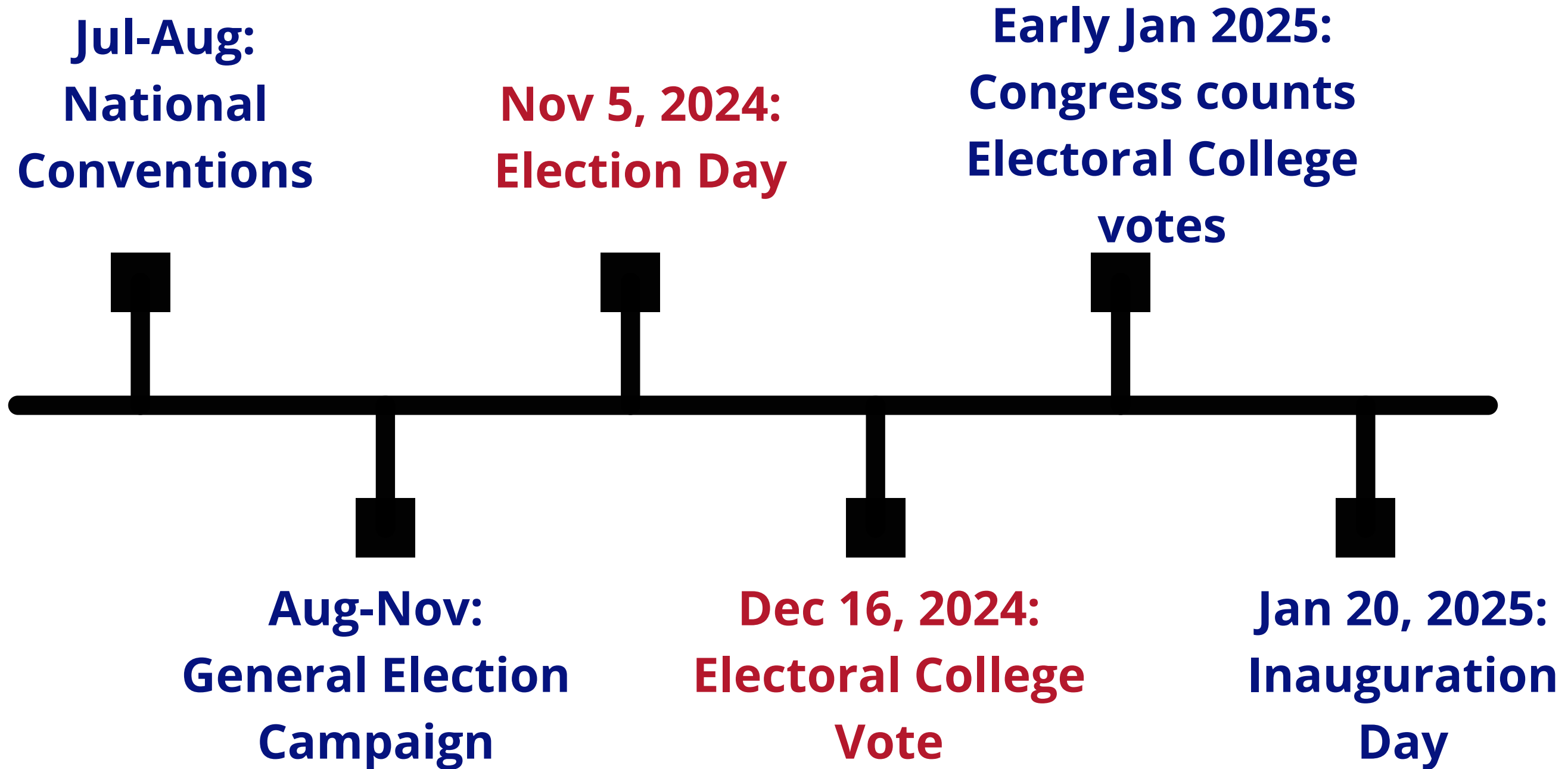


They can go one way or another, they are decisive in the election!

- 1.** Pennsylvania: 19 votes
- 2.** Georgia: 16 votes
- 3.** North Carolina: 16 votes
- 4.** Michigan: 15 votes
- 5.** Arizona: 11 votes
- 6.** Wisconsin: 10 votes
- 7.** Nevada: 6 votes



5. Timeline 2024



6. Recap

There are two main political parties name them and three characteristics.

What is the Electoral college?

Who are the candidates for 2024 election?

How many votes does a candidate need to be president?

Name the first three states with the most electoral college votes.

When can the President fully take his function?

Now it's your turn



Look for Donald Trump or Kamala Harris' campaign program and present it to the class as clearly as possible