**Interactive Notes: The Electoral College**

1. What is the Electoral College and what is its purpose?

2. What formula is used to determine how many electors a state receives?

3. Why is the number 270 so important when it comes to the Electoral College process?

4. What impact have political parties had on the Electoral College system?

5. Identify the number of electors each candidate would receive in the following situation and answer the question that follows:

Iowa

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| CANDIDATE | POPULAR VOTE | POPULAR PERCENTAGE | ELECTORS RECEIVED |
| Candidate A | 757,217 | 49.29518% |  |
| Candidate B | 757,218 | 49.29525% |  |
| Candidate C | 21,652 | 1.4096% |  |

Why did you award the electors in this manner?

6. What is a swing state (battleground state) and why is it so important in the electoral college process?

7. What are some criticisms of the Electoral College system?

8. What do proponents believe are the advantages of the Electoral College system?

9. Why did the Framers of the Constitution feel that Electoral College was the best method for electing the President?