**The Electoral College: Winning the Electoral College**

Answer the following questions based upon your analysis of past elections. Use the resources and/or links provided.

1. Since 2000, what are five “safe” Republican states?

2. Since 2000, what are five “safe” Democratic states?

3. Since 2000, what are five states that appear to be “swing” states?

4. Based upon your research, is Iowa a red, blue or swing state? What is the historical justification for your response?

5. What swing state seems to be needed for ultimate victory? Why do you think so?

6. If all fifty states were in play (swing states) in the next election, what is the fewest amount of states you would need to win for victory in the Electoral College?

7. Is it possible to have an election (with only the two major parties receiving electoral votes) that results in a tie or with no candidate receiving the needed 270 electoral votes? Create a map online or on the blank map provided and explain your findings.