



ELECTION NIGHT TRIVIA GAME ANSWER KEY

1. How many electoral votes are in the Electoral College?

Answer: 538. Every state gets 1 electoral vote for each senator and each representative, so 535 votes come from the 50 states and the remaining 3 come from Washington D.C.

2. What state has the largest number of electoral votes in the Electoral College?

Answer: California. With the largest state population, California has the most electoral votes at 54.

3. Who is the Green party candidate for the 2024 US Presidential Election?

Answer: Jill Stein. Stein was also the Green party candidate in 2012 and 2016.

4. How many electoral votes are needed to win the presidency?

Answer: 270. A candidate needs to get a majority of the 538 electoral votes available to win the presidency.

5. Name a swing state that voted for the winning candidate in the last 4 elections.

Answers: Michigan, Pennsylvania, or Wisconsin. All of these states voted for the winning candidate in 2020 (Biden), 2016 (Trump), 2012 (Obama), and 2008 (Obama).

6. Why did Congress choose Election Day to be in November?

Answer: Congress chose November for Election Day because harvest work was complete and harsh winter weather hadn't arrived yet.

7. Who was the last president that won the election but lost the popular vote?

Answer: Donald Trump won the 2016 election with 304 electoral votes, but lost the popular vote by almost 3 million to Hillary Clinton.

8. How many swing states flipped from Republican to Democratic in the 2020 election?

Answer: 5. Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Georgia voted for Trump in 2016, but flipped in 2020 and voted for Biden.

9. Which president won the most electoral votes (525) in US history?

Answer: Ronald Reagan. In 1984, Reagan won 525 electoral votes and 49 out of 50 states in a landslide victory against Walter Mondale. Mondale only won 13 electoral votes with Minnesota and Washington D.C.

10. Which US presidential election did the Supreme Court make a decision on?

Answer: 2000 election, George W. Bush vs Al Gore. The Supreme Court decided in *Bush v. Gore* that Florida must stop its recount and award the state's electoral votes to Bush.