

Count Those Votes!

Paragon School held an election. Examine the results.

Smith's Class

Brown's Class

Garcia's Class

Green- 25 Votes
Miller- 5 Votes

Green- 13 Votes
Miller- 14 Votes

Green- 19 Votes
Miller- 11 Votes

Petrov's Class

Green- 52 Votes
Miller- 47 Votes

Wilson's Class

Green- 13 Votes
Miller- 17 Votes

Who are the **candidates** (people applying for the job) in this Election?

Who were the voters? _____

Who won the election? _____ How do you know? _____

The school principal says Miller won the election. Do you agree with him? _____ Why? _____



popular vote = all the people who voted

When we count the **popular vote**, we count the number of votes for each candidate. The candidate who gets more votes wins. Does this sound fair to you? _____ Why? _____

So... how could the principal say that Miller won? How many classes are there? _____ In how many classes did Green win? _____ In how many classes did Miller win? _____ Why did the principal say that Miller won? _____

Is this fair? _____ Why? _____

Founding Fathers= men who created this country (U.S.)

When the **Founding Fathers** were deciding how America would work, some of them wanted **Congress**, the group of representatives who made the law, to choose the President. The members of **Congress** were educated and experienced- unlike many Americans!- and understood how government worked.

Do you think a **Founding Father** would still call people today uneducated and inexperienced? _____ Why? _____



Other Founding Fathers wanted all the people to vote. The U.S. was going to be a democracy! They didn't want one small group, like Congress, to make the big decisions.



What might happen if one small group of people made all the big decisions?

Also, the **Founding Fathers** were worried that candidates would only pay attention to the places that had the most voters, for example, huge cities like Boston and New York. Who would try to help the farmers who lived outside the cities in places with fewer people?

Why would a candidate work harder for places that had the most people?

Look at the Paragon School classes. In a popular election, which class would you try hardest to win? _____ Why? _____

compromise = both sides in an argument give a little and get a little

State	Electoral Votes	Winner
Alaska	3	Trump
Arizona	11	Trump
Arkansas	6	Trump
California	55	Biden
Colorado	9	Biden
Connecticut	7	Biden
Delaware	3	Biden
Florida	29	Biden
Georgia	16	Biden
Hawaii	4	Biden
Idaho	3	Trump
Illinois	20	Biden
Indiana	11	Trump
Iowa	6	Trump
Kansas	6	Trump
Louisiana	8	Trump
Maine	7	Biden
Massachusetts	13	Biden
Michigan	19	Biden
Minnesota	10	Biden
Mississippi	3	Trump
Missouri	10	Trump
Montana	3	Trump
Nebraska	5	Trump
Nevada	6	Biden
New Hampshire	4	Biden
New Jersey	14	Biden
New Mexico	5	Trump
New York	29	Biden
North Carolina	15	Biden
North Dakota	3	Trump
Ohio	18	Biden
Oklahoma	7	Trump
Oregon	7	Biden
Pennsylvania	20	Biden
Rhode Island	4	Biden
South Carolina	9	Trump
South Dakota	3	Trump
Tennessee	11	Trump
Texas	38	Trump
Utah	6	Trump
Vermont	3	Trump
Virginia	13	Biden
Washington	11	Biden
West Virginia	3	Trump
Wisconsin	10	Biden
Wyoming	3	Trump
DC	3	Biden

election, ALL the electors would vote for whoever won the popular vote. That means that if Green won more of the votes in the popular election, ALL the electors would vote for Green. Even if Miller won thousands of votes in the popular election, he would get NO electoral votes.

Look at the Paragon School classes. If each class had 1 electoral vote, would there be one class you would try hardest to win? _____ Explain: _____

With **electoral** voting, **candidates** must win many states, not just the ones with the most voters.

In your opinion, was using electors a good compromise? _____ Explain: _____

In your opinion, is it fair that a person can win the popular vote but still not get to be President? Explain:

Watch the VIDEO. Show what you know!