**Electoral College ANSWER KEY**

1. Electors; electors themselves cast votes for president.
2. There are 538 total electoral votes.
3. 270 electoral votes are needed to win the presidency.
4. Most states follow a winner-takes-all model.
5. Answers may vary, but answers that follow the “model” elector should be (1) political higher-ups who are (2) not in office.
6. Served as a compromise between Congress selecting the president and a popular selection. It was seen to protect the citizens’ best interests by entrusting someone educated about political affairs to advance the interests of the citizens.
7. Possible answers: Outdated, doesn’t accurately represent the desires of the people, popular vote does not guarantee electoral victory, Americans are educated enough to vote themselves, one electoral vote is allocated per 680,000 people in California but per 189,000 people in Wyoming, disproportionately empowers swing states, disproportionately disempowers third-party candidates
8. Swing states.
9. Possible answers: Empowers flyover states/smaller cities and their interests, abolishing the electoral college would require a constitutional amendment
10. Pact where states vote according to the outcome of the national popular vote