ELECTION OF 1968

Chart Exercise: The chart below gives the state-by-state popular vote results for the Election of 1968. The candidates were Richard Nixon (Republican), Hubert Humphrey (Democrat), and George Wallace (American Independent). Starting with Alabama, decide which candidate received the most popular votes. That person gets all 10 of Alabama's electoral votes, as shown on the map on the next page. Put a 10 in the space under this candidate's name. Continue in the same way with the other 49 states and the District of Columbia.



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<u>Map Exercise</u>: Use three different colors or three different markings (shaded areas, diagonal lines, etc.) to fill in the boxes next to the candidates' names below. Then, use these colors or markings on the map to show the states won by Nixon, Humphrey, and Wallace (see the chart on the preceding page).

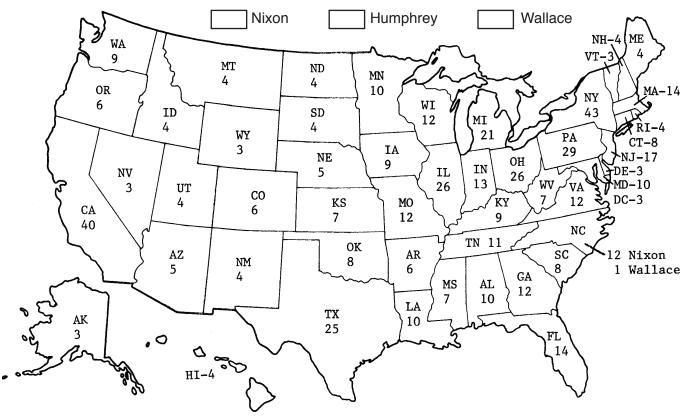


Chart and Map Questions

(1)	Which candidate won the Election of 1968?
(2)	How many electoral votes did the winner receive?
(3)	How many electoral votes did Hubert Humphrey get?
(4)	Who ran as a third party candidate?
(5)	How many electoral votes did the American Independent Party receive?
(6)	Altogether, 538 electoral votes were cast for the three candidates. In order to become President, it is necessary to win a majority of the electoral votes. Therefore, what minimum number of votes was needed to become President in 1968?
(7)	Would you say this was a relatively <u>close election</u> or a <u>landslide victory</u> for the winner?
(8)	Of the five states that had the most electoral votes, how many were won by Richard Nixon?
(9)	What is the smallest number of electoral votes that any state casts in a presidential election?
(10)	George Wallace carried how many states?
(11)	Which candidate won most of the states in the Northeast?
(12)	What political party received much of its support from voters in the Midwest and Far West?

Campaigning for President

Pretend that you are a candidate running for President of the United States. Only 10 days are left before the election. Public opinion polls show that you and your opponent are involved in a very close race. Therefore, it is important to carefully plan the remainder of your campaign. Write the details of these plans on the daily schedule on the following pages.

Beginning with Day 1:

- (1) Fill in the <u>city and state</u> where you will campaign during the <u>morning</u> hours. Briefly describe <u>what you will do there</u>. Check the list of suggested campaign activities below. You can use one of these ideas or an activity of your own.
- (2) Fill in the <u>city and state</u> where you will spend the <u>afternoon</u> of the first day. You can stay in the same city and state where you were in the morning, or visit a different city in the same state. You also can move on to a different state. <u>Describe what you will do</u> during the afternoon hours.
- (3) Continue in the same way with a <u>state</u>, <u>city</u>, and <u>campaign</u> <u>activity</u> for the <u>evening</u> of Day 1.
- (4) Plan your schedule for days 2 through 10. At least 10 campaign activities must be your own ideas. Do not use the same activity more than once.
- (5) Focus your campaign on states having large numbers of electoral votes.

Suggested Campaign Activities

- Attend a fund-raising dinner.
- Have breakfast with members of the League of Women Voters.
- Take part in a nationally televised debate with the opposing candidate.
- Give an interview to a reporter from TIME magazine.
- Show support for labor unions by touring a factory.
- Appear on a television talk show.
- Meet with the mayor and other local officials.
- Make a national address on television paid for by campaign contributions.
- Shake hands with people at a college football game.
- Ride in a motorcade down the main street of town.
- Give a speech to leading area business people.

- Attend a campaign dinner sponsored by the AFL-CIO.
- Make a major foreign policy address.
- Announce that taxes will be lowered if elected.
- Promise increased social security benefits to a group of senior citizens.
- · Rest for a few hours.
- Complain to TV executives about a lack of coverage on the nightly news.
- Go on the offensive by attacking the positions of the other candidate.
- Meet with leaders of a minority group to discuss issues important to them.
- Film several political ads for viewing between television programs.
- Announce on a radio news program that defense spending will be cut 10% if elected.
- Make a commercial telling Americans to be sure to vote.

	DAY 1: SATURDAY	
morning:	afternoon:	evening:
	DAY 2: SUNDAY	
morning:	afternoon:	evening:
	DAY 3: MONDAY	
morning:	afternoon:	evening:
	DAY 4: TUESDAY	
morning:	<u>afternoon</u> :	evening:
	DAY 5: WEDNESDAY	
morning:	<u>afternoon</u> :	<u>evening</u> :

	DAY 6: THURSDA	<u>AY</u>
morning:	afternoon:	evening:
	DAY 7: FRIDAY	
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