ELECTORAL DYSFUNCTION

NAME: ____________________________________________________

While viewing this PBS Documentary video answer the following questions.

1. America is at war over ____V_______________________. The fear of voter fraud and concern over limiting voting for Americans has caused us to be at war.

2. Who can vote in America? Those ___b__________________ here and those who become citizens

3. Is voting a Right or a Privilege? (Circle the answer)

   Newly naturalized citizens look at the Constitution.

4. The founders were unsure if it was a right or a privilege. The Constitution gave __S____________________ the right to create voting laws.

5. There are _________________ Separate voting areas.

6. The Electoral College was created for a balance between North & South States. They used the _____/_______compromise to make voting representation more equal in voting. Even though slaves were not allowed to vote.

7. What were the young student’s reactions to the electoral game played?

8. _______ in 10 presidents didn’t win the presidential election even though they won the popular vote.

   The Electoral College frustrates people because it sidelines 3 / 4 of American States.

   Give one example of a Red State_________________________ Blue State ________________________

9. _______ out of _______ of the most populated states don’t have much campaigning.

10. List two SWING STATES:

11. ____________________________ was the first state to require photo ID’s

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12. The Supreme Court ruled photo ID’s Constitutional TRUE or FALSE (circle one)

13. What religious group was turned away from voting? __________________________

14. _________% of voters in Indiana don’t have the required voting ID?

   Who tends to NOT have ID’s?

15. Why are people frustrated about having to have a photo ID for voting? Why is this a big deal to some people?

16. Some believe Voter ID is the new __P__________________ TAX.

   More than 1 / 2 of our states have never required a photo ID.

17. Do absentee ballots require Photo ID? __________

18. Is voter fraud a major problem in America? Listen to the 2 minute segment then explain:

19. If you commit voter fraud you can face a $10,000.00 fine and up to ______ years in prison.

   And it’s reasonably easy to get caught.

20. What is the #1 cause of voter disenfranchisement? Voter ___R____________________

21. People who have served their time as a felon in Indiana can vote—True or False (circle)

22. We are one of the few industrialized democracies that DOES NOT HAVE a universal voter registration system.

   There are ______ million Americans eligible to vote but who are NOT on the voter rolls even though they are on many other rolls such as driver’s licenses taxes and school lists.

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Tom Tancredo’s test has been out there. Recall the literacy test of the early 1960’s.

23. It wasn’t until 1971 when ______ year olds finally got the right to vote.

24. Not all voters are created equal. Meet the PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. Who are the electors?

Some states make you pay a fine if you don’t vote for who you are supposed to vote for in your state.

25. At the voting polls the ballots are put in the box and you have to have a ___D____________________ and a ___R____________________ with Keys to lock and unlock the box.

26. If you are not on the voter rolls you can vote with a ___P____________________ ballot and it will probably not be counted.

27. The bloody 8th is a district in Indiana where a Federal recount happened in 1984. It turned the Republican lead into a _____ count lead for the Democrats.

28. In 2000 who won Florida’s popular count?

28. Why was there so much controversy surrounding this Florida Recount?

29. Ultimately the Supreme ____________ decided the outcome of the Florida recount.

30. With only 4 days to go before the presidential election, what does the Judge decide?

Election day begins and the absentee ballots are brought out in darkness to the police car and then processing at the POLLING place.

31. ______/_______ of computer screens are used on Election Day.

32. How do we make sure that computers are safe and secure?

33. ______% of Americans use paper ballots (scantrons).

34. How do parties go after voters who haven’t voted?

35. What was wrong with the 2000 Palm Beach ballots?

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The election was decided by just over 500 votes.

36. We don’t have NATIONAL Consistency. Why does Canada have more people voting?

37. Do most people know that they are voting for electors instead of the president? _________

38. Why was the man mad at the end of the segment since he didn’t get to vote?

Polls are closed at 6pm and then they are counted and released. The Republicans were doing well and as the election returns came in people waited patiently.

67 million Americans cast their ballots for Barrack Obama---61% of eligible voters voted!

This was the highest turnout since the 1960’s.

Indiana’s delegation to the Electoral College voted and voted for Barack Obama.

39. He had a _____% lead entitling him to winning ALL the electoral 11 electoral votes in Indiana.

There have been more bills in congress to abolish the Electoral College than any other.

40. What did the democrats think they did to win the election?

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   Newly naturalized citizens look at the Constitution.

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5. There are ___13,000_______ Separate voting areas.

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7. What were the student’s reactions to the electoral game played by young students?

   They were upset that the popular count didn’t win

8. ____1____ in 10 Presidents DIDN’T WIN the PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION even though they WON the POPULAR VOTE.

   The Electoral College frustrates people because it sidelines ¾ of American States.

   Give one example of a Red State ____________Texas_____________ Blue State ____________California_________

9. ____3____ out of ____4____ most populated states don’t have much campaigning.

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10. List two SWING STATES:

   Ohio, Florida, Nevada, Colorado, Iowa, NC, NH
11. **INDIANA**_________ was the first state to require photo ID’s

12. The Supreme Court ruled photo ID’s Constitutional **TRUE** or FALSE (circle one)

13. What religious group was turned away from voting? **NUNS___________

14. ____13_____% of voters in Indiana don’t have the required voting ID?

Who tends to NOT have ID’s? POOR, ELDERLY and minorities

15. Why are people frustrated about having to have a photo ID for voting? Why is this a big deal to some people?

They have to go through extra steps to get an ID and then the way the system works they can’t get a photo ID because they need items they can’t possibly get ahold of.

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Non elected high officials or someone who has rebelled against the government.
Some states make you pay a fine if you don’t vote for who you are supposed to vote for in your state.

25. At the voting polls the ballots are put in the box and you have to have a ___DEMOCRAT____ and a _____REPUBLICAN____ with Keys to lock and unlock the box.

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   Due to the purging of voter lists

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   The judge ruled the case frivolous in favor of the democrats.

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32. How do we make sure that computers are safe and secure? **Have printouts of how people voted**

33. **57%** of Americans use paper ballots (scantrons).

34. How do parties go after voters who haven’t voted?

   They call them and show up at their houses and give them rides to the polls

35. What was wrong with the 2000 Palm Beach ballots?

   Butterfly ballots very confusing to read and punch….many punched the wrong person without knowing it.

   The election was decided by just over 500 votes.

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36. We don’t have NATIONAL Consistency. Why does Canada have more people voting?

Because each state decides how they want to run elections. Canada has a national way to vote.

37. Do most people know that they are voting for electors instead of the president?  ____NO____

38. Why was the man mad at the end of the segment since he didn’t get to vote?

He had voted at the same polling place for years and they changed it on him or he moved and wanted to vote at the same polling place. So he didn’t have enough time to vote at the new polling place.

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