

Middletown Township Public Schools
High School North and High School South
AP US Government & Politics
Summer Assignment 2016

Short Essay:

The Electoral College is much discussed and often criticized as a relic of a bygone era, put in place by the framer who had limited confidence in the average American's ability to make disinterested political decisions. It is viewed as undemocratic and not line with a more informed citizen base than that which existed at the time the Constitution was written. An increasing number of alternatives to the Electoral College have been offered and 5 current proposals are gaining much attention. To review these proposals go to:

http://archive.fairvote.org/e_college/reform.htm

After you review the first 5 alternatives choose the 3 that seem to you most fair and viable, being sure to note why your choices better fit modern American and thus offer a modern alternative to the current system. Then choose which alternative method of electing a president you deem most favorable to modern America

Document Analysis:

In his famous Address to the Electors of Bristol, issued in 1774, the English statesmen Edmund Burke addressed the issue of whether elected representatives should note their conscience or follow the consensus opinion of those they represent. Utilizing quotations from the document to highlight your analysis summarize Burke's argument on the issue of representation. Conclude your document analysis by offering your opinion regarding the obligations of the elected representatives. You may access Burke's address at this site

<http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html>