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Electoral Influence

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. A student might say the Electoral College is fair because it protects smaller states, while others might say it is unfair because the popular vote should decide the winner.
2. Answers will vary. A student might suggest using a direct popular vote, ranked-choice voting, or a proportional electoral system.
3. Answers will vary. Some students might say that without the winner-takes-all system, smaller parties would have a better chance of winning, while others might argue that it could make elections more complicated.
4. Answers will vary. Some students might say third-party candidates should have a better chance because it would give voters more choices, while others might argue that the two-party system creates stability.

