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Fixing Elections

Short Answer Key

1. The election of 1800 showed that electors could create a tie, making it unclear who should be president and vice president.
2. The 12th Amendment made electors vote separately for president and vice president.
3. Political parties made it confusing because candidates from the same party could tie, leading to problems in deciding who should lead.
4. The House of Representatives had to vote 36 times before deciding Jefferson would be president.
5. The 12th Amendment helps ensure that the president and vice president come from the same party, making elections clearer and more organized.

