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The Electoral Debate

Short Answer Key

1. The Electoral College is a system where each state gets a certain number of electoral votes, and the candidate with 270 votes wins the presidency.
2. Smaller states are protected because they get at least three electoral votes, giving them a voice in elections.
3. Some people think the system is unfair because a candidate can win the presidency without winning the most votes nationwide.
4. "Winner-takes-all" means that the candidate who wins the most votes in a state gets all of that state's electoral votes.
5. Some voters feel ignored because candidates only focus on swing states, where elections are close.

