

# Race to the Oval Office

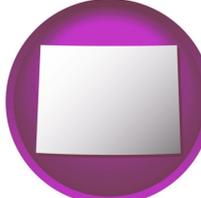
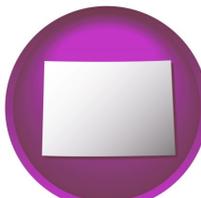
Are you ready to occupy the White House? What do you know about the government, elections, and history of the United States that would make you eligible to become the next president?

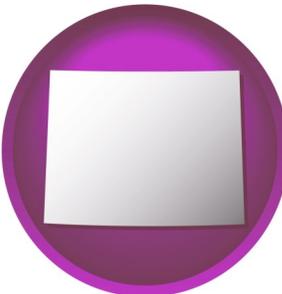
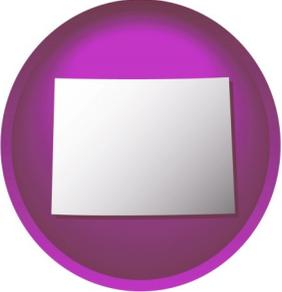
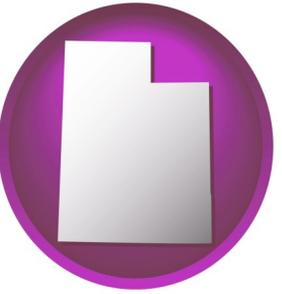
Preparing the Game:

1. Attach two file folders together by overlapping one side so you have three parts to glue the game board to. Attach the game board to the three parts of the file folders, matching the spaces on the board, trimming the pages if necessary to make them meet in the correct places.
2. Cut out the cards representing the individual states. These cards show a picture of the state, the abbreviation for the name of the state, and the number of electoral votes available if a player wins that state in the election.
3. Cut out the tokens needed to play the game. There are tokens with different colors of X's on them. Each player may choose a color for his campaign and take all the tokens of that color.
4. Cut out the question cards. If they are printed on cardstock or printed on paper and laminated, they will hold up longer, but they can be used just as easily if printed on regular copy paper.
5. Use one die and something such as beans or tokens from another game as markers.
6. Have some paper and a pencil handy for players to keep track of how many electoral votes each player has won as they campaign and try to win the election. Players can even have a small chalkboard or white board available to show each player's total electoral votes as they win elections. This will help each player see where the totals stand while they are trying to get enough electoral votes to win the game.

Playing the Game: (for two players)

1. Shuffle the question cards and place them in a stack beside the game board.
2. Each player puts a marker on start. Take turns rolling the die to see who is first. The player who rolls the highest number goes first.
3. The first player rolls the die to move. Players can move forward or backward, but not both in the same turn. Players must move the full amount of the spaces rolled. When a player lands on a state, he has to give his campaign speech (answer a question). The other player draws a card from the top of the pile of question cards and asks the question to the first player. If the first player gets the answer correct, he wins the electoral votes for that state and puts one of his tokens (square with an X on it) on the space to show that the state has been won. He takes the card that represents that state and writes down the number of votes he has won. Keep a running total of votes as players win states so that players will know when someone has enough electoral votes to win the game.
4. The next player rolls the die and moves, playing in the same way as the first player. If the second player lands on a state that has not been taken, she follows the same directions as the previous player and play continues. If she lands on a state that has already been won, she does

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<p>What does it mean to have a majority of the votes?</p> <p>To have more than half of the votes</p>	<p>What does it mean to have a plurality of the votes?</p> <p>To have more votes than any other candidate</p>	<p>What is the meaning of a Chairman pro tempore in parliamentary procedure?</p> <p>A Chairman pro tempore is a temporary chairman</p>
<p>What is a quorum in parliamentary procedure?</p> <p>The smallest number of members that are needed to conduct business, usually a majority of the members</p>	<p>What is a system of government where God has direct rule over a nation?</p> <p>A theocracy</p>	<p>What is a system of government where one single ruler makes the laws and enforces them?</p> <p>An absolute monarchy</p>
<p>What is a system of government where the state takes over everything in a person's life and denies individual liberties for the "good" of the state?</p> <p>Communism</p>	<p>What is a system of government with a king or queen as its head whose power is limited and shared with an elected assembly?</p> <p>A constitutional monarchy</p>	<p>What is a system of government where one person has authoritarian rule and the government has severe regulation of everything.</p> <p>A dictatorship</p>
<p>What is a system of government where the citizens who are able to vote hold the power, but the government actually works through the elected representatives of the people?</p> <p>A republic</p>	<p>In the United States, what British body was the Senate modeled after?</p> <p>The House of Lords</p>	<p>In the United States, what British body was the House of Representatives modeled after?</p> <p>The House of Commons</p>
<p>What document did the Pilgrims sign that formed a plan of law and order for their new colony?</p> <p>The Mayflower Compact</p>	<p>What organization met in Philadelphia in 1774 and included representatives from all colonies except Georgia to protest Britain's meddling in the rights of Americans?</p> <p>First Continental Congress</p>	<p>What group met in 1775 and included representatives from all thirteen colonies seeking a peaceful resolution with Great Britain, but also appointing George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army?</p> <p>The Second Continental Congress</p>

<p>What amendment to the Constitution provides for the right to a jury trial in a civil case?</p> <p><b>Amendment 7</b></p>	<p>What amendment to the Constitution provides for the right of the people to retain rights even though they are not listed in the Constitution?</p> <p><b>Amendment 9</b></p>	<p>For which President was John Adams Vice President? This President was not from any political party.</p> <p><b>George Washington</b></p>
<p>For which President was Thomas Jefferson Vice President? This President was from the Federalist Party.</p> <p><b>John Adams</b></p>	<p>For which President was Aaron Burr Vice President? This President was from the Democratic-Republican Party.</p> <p><b>Thomas Jefferson</b></p>	<p>George Clinton was the Vice President under which two Presidents? Both of these Presidents were from the Democratic-Republican Party.</p> <p><b>Thomas Jefferson and James Madison</b></p>
<p>Elbridge Gerry was the Vice President for the fourth President. This President was from the Democratic-Republican Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>James Madison</b></p>	<p>Daniel D. Tompkins was the Vice President for the fifth President. This President was from the Democratic-Republican Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>James Monroe</b></p>	<p>John C. Calhoun was the Vice President for the sixth President. This President was from the Democratic-Republican Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>John Quincy Adams</b></p>
<p>John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren were the Vice Presidents for which President? This President was from the Democratic Party.</p> <p><b>Andrew Jackson</b></p>	<p>Richard M. Johnson was Vice President for the eighth President. This President was from the Democratic Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>Martin Van Buren</b></p>	<p>John Tyler was Vice President for which President? This President was from the Whig Party.</p> <p><b>William Henry Harrison</b></p>
<p>George M. Dallas was Vice President for the eleventh President. This President was from the Democratic Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>James K. Polk</b></p>	<p>Millard Fillmore was Vice President for which President? This President was from the Whig Party.</p> <p><b>Zachary Taylor</b></p>	<p>William King was the Vice President for the fourteenth President. This President was from the Democratic Party. Who was this President?</p> <p><b>Franklin Pierce</b></p>