

Election 2008: Winning the White House (Grades 7-10) Answer Key



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- Democratic candidates
President: Barack Obama
Vice President: TK
Republican candidates
President: John McCain
Vice President: TK

- C
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- D
- C
- B
- D
- B

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Answers will vary.

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- Commander in Chief of the armed forces
- Chief of the Executive Branch
- Guardian of the Economy
- Head of State
- Director of Foreign Policy
- Legislative Leader
- Political Party Leader

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- Answers will vary.
- 101
- 11 (CA, TX, NY, FL, IL, PA, OH, MI, GA, NJ, and NC, for a total of 271 votes)
- 664, 604
- 15
- Yes. Winning Florida would give him 271 electoral votes, which is what is needed to win.

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- K
- A
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Answers will vary. Students might suggest that voters don't feel like their vote makes a difference; they don't think there's enough difference between the candidates to make voting worthwhile; they don't know enough about the candidates to be able to choose; they don't trust the candidates; they have trouble getting to the polls because of work or family obligations; etc. Possible answers for the effect that low voter-turnout has on an election include candidates being chosen who only represent a small portion of the population; incumbents remaining in office; elected officials feeling disconnected from and indifferent to citizens; and candidates being elected who disappoint voters, possibly resulting in low voter-turnout again in the next election.

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- A