

How is the American President elected?

Watch the video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok_VQ8I7g6I)

After the video is over, read these statements. Some of them are wrong. Cross out the wrong parts and correct them.

U.S. presidential elections are decided by the popular votes – the votes given directly by the people.
Each state votes for its candidates separately.
Some states have more influence than others – depending on their economy.

Watch the video again. Now take notes on the different steps of the election.

	where? when?	who?	what?
step one	at the ballot box in each state “Election day” in November		
step two	in each state “Election day” in November		
extra information: how a state’s influence is determined	in each state long before the election (census)		
step three	“Election Day”		
step four	in Washington D.C. on January 20th		

These words might be helpful for your notes:

district(s) – population – voters – delegates – majority – elector(s) – senator(s) – national election – president-elect – inauguration day – (to) be sworn into office

What implications (=consequences) could this system have on the election?

The following video gives you an idea.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ertAvE9JxDQ>)

These words might be helpful to talk about the results.

popular vote – population changes – influence of states