

**AP U.S. Government and Politics**

Predicting the 2016 Election

Leveled Assessment: \_\_\_\_/4

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Directions: You are an analysis for KETV news agency in Nebraska and your editor is asking your opinion on who will win the upcoming 2016 election. The major candidates are Hilary Clinton (D-NY), Donald Trump (R-NY), Jill Stein (Green-IL), and Gary Johnson (Libertarian-NM).

**Questions:**

1. First, come up with an explanation of the Electoral College that is no longer than two paragraphs. Your paragraphs will be used as a way to explain the electoral process on air so make it informative and in simplistic speech. Include how votes are assigned to states, how candidates win electoral votes (remember to include how Maine and Nebraska are different), who the electors actually are, and why we use this system. Use the National Archives and Records administration website to help you

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2. Some viewers want to know why it is possible to win the popular vote, but still lose the election because of the Electoral College. Come up with a brief explanation and find examples.

3. A lot of viewers have been calling in wondering what it means when they hear a certain candidate is ahead by “points”. Come up with a brief explanation. Find out who is currently ahead in the polls and by how many points. (Include the name of the poll that you used
  
4. Use the 270toWin, YouGov, or the Real Clear Politics election maps to determine who the likely winner is.
  - a. States that are Strongly or leaning Democratic:  
List them and their electoral votes
  
  - b. States that are strongly or leaning republican:  
List them and their electoral votes
  
  - c. States that are strongly or leaning to an independent candidate:  
List them and their electoral votes
  
  - d. Based on your site who will win the election and with how many electoral votes?
  
  - e. What percentage of the popular vote is each of the candidates estimate to receive?  
Trump:                      Clinton:                      Stein:                      Johnson:
  
  - f. Choose a candidate (Clinton or Trump) and come up with a plan for which 3 states they should focus on the last day of the election? Explain your reasoning for why you selected those three states.
    - i.
  
    - ii.
  
    - iii.