



ELECTION DAY

On Election Day in November, the polls will open early and remain open until evening. Because of our time zones, the polls will close in the East first, then in the middle of the country, then in the Pacific time zone, and finally in Alaska and Hawaii.

As soon as eastern polls close, returns will begin to be reported. Radio and television will report results by 9 p.m. from the eastern polls. This means that if you live in the western part of the United States, you will know the results of the eastern polls before your polls have closed.

If is often very late before the West Coast results are heard in the East; however, use the scoring sheet to mark the early returns. Even the early returns will give you an idea of who is likely to win, but the winner of a really close race may not be known until all the votes are counted.

If is always interesting to see the projections of the TV networks. Using computers, they are often very accurate; however, again, in close races there are often surprises.

Watch TV reports carefully, locate the states on your chart, jot down the electoral count for the state in the correct column, and circle the number of the declared winner of that state when he is announced. Make your own projection below when enough returns have been announced.

ELECTORAL VOTES

The Republican candidate has won _____ electoral votes.

The Democratic candidate has won _____ electoral votes.

I project _____ as the winner.

The day after the election, complete the electoral count to show which states were won by each candidate.