**Essay Questions: Electoral College and United Farmworkers Movement**

The response to the essay questions should reflect on your understanding of the historical debate and context of the electoral college process as envisioned by our founding fathers and the hot topics being discussed in education at the local, state, and federal level.

**Essay for High School Seniors:**

1. What was the purpose behind the electoral college according to the founding fathers? What advantage did it have over the popular vote?
2. Who was eligible to vote in the early years of our democracy?
3. What are some of the consequences of having the electoral college elect the President? Pick an example from U.S. History to discuss.
4. Why would you maintain the current system? Or why would you change it?

**College Students**

Cesar Chavez and others led the civil rights movement to establish rights for farmworkers during a time when they worked in hazardous conditions.

1. How did these efforts benefit farmworkers and the larger Hispanic community?
2. How did the movement initiated by the United Farm Workers (UFW) contribute to the larger civil rights conversation?
3. How do Hispanics benefit from these efforts today?