

The 2024 U.S. Presidential Election Escape Room/WebQuest

The year is 2024 and to get into the spirit of the upcoming election, you decided to go on a tour of the White House. Unfortunately, you got a little sidetracked and accidentally took a nap in the Oval Office. You awake in the early hours of the morning to find the doors locked! It appears that the White House has deployed a security system with codes related to the upcoming Presidential Election.

Use the resources linked in each room to gain the knowledge necessary to crack each code before the security staff returns for their morning shift!

* Indicates required question

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The White House



Room 1: The Oval Office

You awake in the Oval Office. Use the link below to explore your surroundings. The code to the next room is hidden somewhere in the office.

<https://www.nyhistory.org/meet-the-presidents/oval-office-tour>



2. CODE: The name of the man in the portrait that gained his freedom from slavery. *
- Hint: First & last name, both capitalized.

Room 2: The China Room

You have made it out of the Oval Office and found your way to the China Room. In order to escape this room you will need to understand how the Constitution addresses Presidential elections. There are two codes you must crack to escape this room. Use the link below to help you!

[The Constitution of the United States: A Transcription | National Archives](#)



3. CODE 1: Number of years in a Presidential term (Use the digit) *

4. CODE 3: Minimum Age to run for President (Use the digit) *

Room 3: The East Room

You have made your way out of the China Room and into the East Room. In order to escape this room, you will need to understand the procedure for electing a new President. You must crack three codes to escape this room. Use the link below to help:

[What is the Electoral College? | National Archives](#)



5. CODE 1: The system used to elect the President in America is called the: _____ *

(Capitalize both words)

6. CODE 2: The total number of electors *

7. CODE 3: The number of electors needed to win *

Room 4: The Blue Room

You have escaped the East Room and found yourself in the Blue Room. In order to make it out of the Blue Room, you will need to investigate the electoral map a little more closely. There are three codes that you must crack. Use the link below to help you:

[United States electoral college, votes by state | Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](https://www.loc.gov/rr/electoral/electoral.html)



8. CODE 1: The state with the most electoral votes. *

9. CODE 2: The number of electoral votes for the state of Texas. *

10. CODE 3: The smallest number of electoral votes that a state can have. *

Room 5: The Cabinet Room

You have successfully worked your way out of the Blue Room and now find yourself in the Cabinet Room. You will need to explore the history of Presidential Elections in order to escape this room. There are three codes that you must crack. Use the link below to help:

[Historical U.S. Presidential Elections 1789-2020 - 270toWin](#)



11. CODE 1: The candidate that won four consecutive elections between 1932 and 1944. (Last name only, capitalized) *
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12. CODE 2: The party that won the US Presidential Election of 2000 was the _____ Party *
(capitalized)
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13. CODE 3: The last President before either Trump or Biden ran for office. (Last name only, capitalized) *
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Room 6: The State Dining Room

You have escaped the Cabinet Room and found yourself in the State Dining Room. In order to escape this room, you will need to equip yourself with knowledge of the 2020 Election results. There are three codes you must crack in this room. Use the link below to help:

[2020 Electoral College Map | PBS NewsHour](#)



14. CODE 1: The total number of electoral votes that Joe Biden received in the 2020 US Presidential Election. *

15. CODE 2: The candidate that won Florida, Ohio, and Texas. (Last name only, capitalized) *

16. CODE 3: The number of electoral votes that Joe Biden beat Donald Trump by. *

Room 7: The Red Room

You have made it past the State Dining Room and arrived in the Cabinet Room. In order to make it out of this room, you will need to familiarize yourself with both the major candidates' platforms and priorities. There are no correct answers in this room, this is simply a chance to get to know the two candidates better by hearing directly from them. Use the links below to help you:

[How Kamala Harris' platform could differ from Joe Biden's \(politico.com\)](#)

[How has Trump transformed the GOP? Look how its platform has changed. \(politico.com\)](#)



17. Based on the news article, what are three things you learned about Kamala Harris as a candidate *
or about her platform?

18. Based on the news article, what are three things you learned about Donald Trump as a *
candidate or about his platform?

Congratulations!

You have made it out to the White House Lawn right in time to avoid getting in trouble. You leave this escape room much more well-equipped with knowledge about the electoral process, electoral history, and the upcoming election. Continue to build this knowledge and stay up to date on this election and future elections so that you can one day exercise your right to vote!



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