The Electoral College Map Activity

Directions ~ Analyze the current Electoral Map. Then answer the following questions. If you need more space, answer the questions on the back of the sheet.

Yes, you will have to do some MATH to answer the questions.

*Remember - Total electoral votes possible is 538. Magic number to get elected president is 270 electoral votes.

Questions:

1. Which state has the most electoral votes? How many states have the minimum amount of three? (Go ahead and include D.C. in your answer.)

2. What is the fewest number of states that you could win, and still get enough electoral votes to be elected POTUS?

3. Can you win the presidency without winning the Deep South (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Louisiana)? Show me how you come to your conclusion.

4. Can you win the presidency by winning only those states west of the Mississippi River? Show me how you come to your conclusion.

5. Can you win the presidency by winning only those states that have 10 or fewer electoral votes? Show me how you come to your conclusion.

6. How many states can you win and still fall short of the 270 votes necessary to win the presidency?