

# A Swath of Red

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A two-color map of the United States following a presidential election tells you which candidate, Democratic or Republican, each state's electors voted for. While the traditional colors used are red and blue, on this activity sheet white and gray are used.

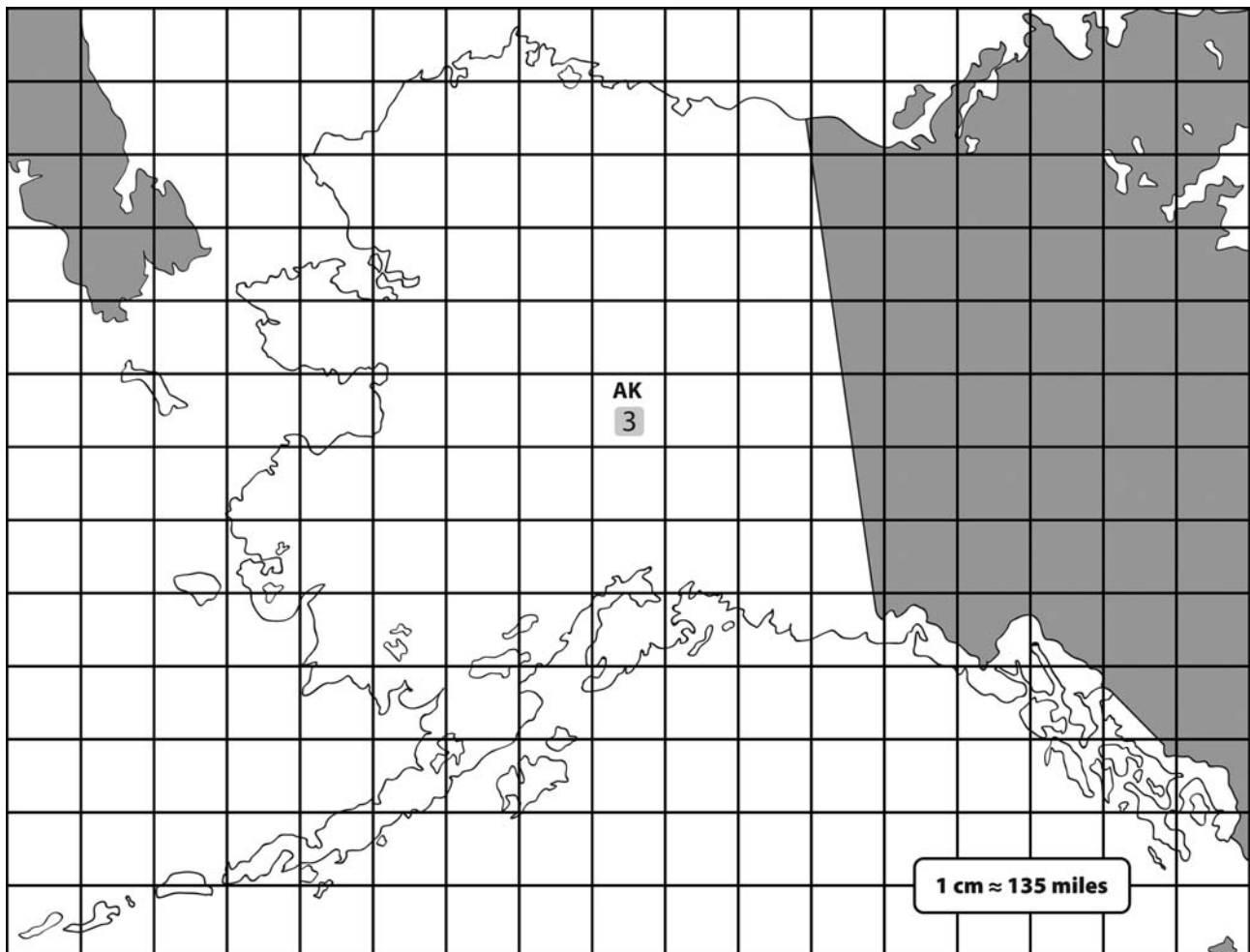
POLITICAL PARTY	TRADITIONAL COLOR	MAP COLOR
Democratic	blue	gray
Republican	red	white

You will be responsible for one political party. Find the area of the regions that are the color representing the political party to which you are assigned on the maps on the first two pages.

1. Circle the color representing the political party you were assigned:

blue/gray

red/white





When you finish Questions 2 and 3, enter your group's data on the Class Results overhead.

2. What is the approximate area of your color in  $\text{cm}^2$ ?
  
3. What is the total number of the electoral votes for the states shaded in your color?
  
4. How many electoral votes were cast per  $\text{cm}^2$  of your area? Show your strategy for determining your answer.
  
5. Compare your candidate's ratio to the other candidate's ratio as determined on the Class Results overhead. What does this ratio say about your states? Make two observations.