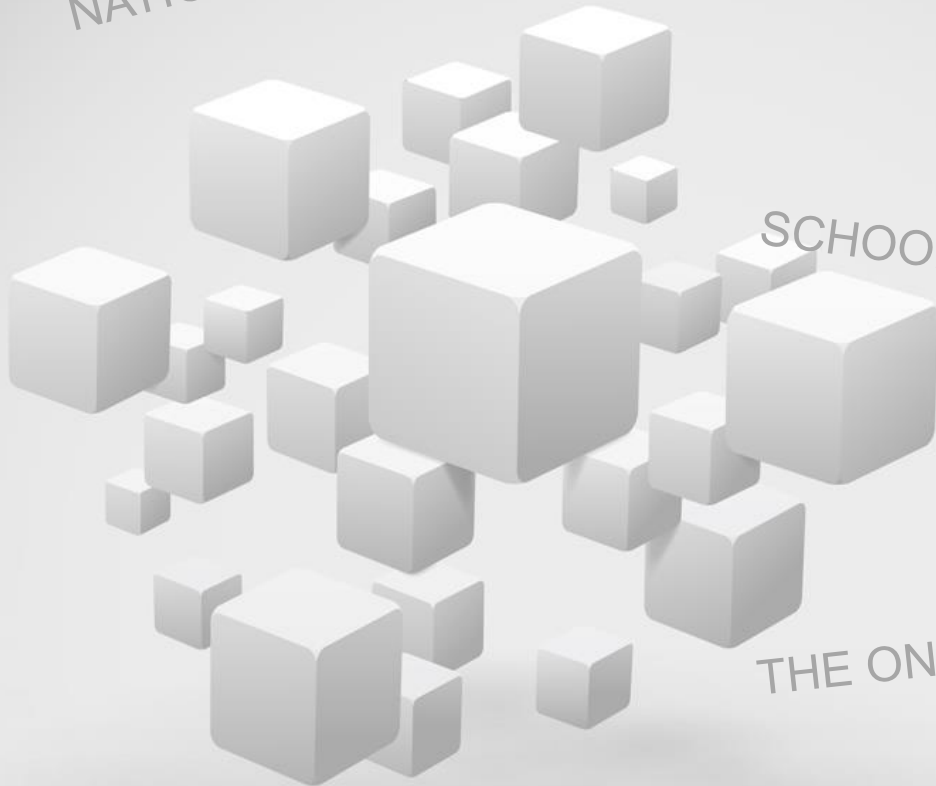NATIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTS

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# Lesson 01

# Electoral College

## Debate

The United States uses a system called an electoral college for deciding the vote for President. The way it works is that instead of each citizen being able to vote for the President, each U.S. state votes for President. Citizens make their vote, and then the candidate with the majority vote for that state wins all the votes for that state. Then the candidate with the most state, or Electoral College, votes wins. This has led to a problem where several U.S. Presidents have won the Presidency without winning the majority of what is called the popular vote. Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump both lost the majority vote but won the Electoral College. This has caused many to call for a change to the system. Citizens who voted for the candidate that won the popular vote become angry, feeling like their vote was wasted, and some question the legitimacy of the candidate's victory. The Electoral College was written into the United States constitution, based on the belief that the average citizen isn't able to make an informed decision about which candidate to choose. However, the result has been a concentration of power in smaller, rural, and less populated states.

### Agree

- Simpler system

- Gives a voice to smaller states

- No suitable alternative

### Disagree

- Concentrates power to rural states

- Easier to corrupt

- Makes unpopular Presidents

## Words & Expressions

| | |
|---|---|
| electoral college | 미국의 선거 시스템(the voting system of the United States) |
| citizen | 시민(a person who lives in a country) |
| candidate | 후보자(the person running for office) |
| majority | 다수(the most) |
| legitimacy | 합법성(acceptableness) |

## My Opinion

I agree with the electoral college because...

 - we can't trust ordinary people to vote

 - it is part of the country's history

I disagree with the electoral college because...

 - it is discriminatory

 - it doesn't work

# Lesson 02

# Hollywood Remakes

## Debate

Over the last 5 years there has been a significant increase in the number of remakes and reboots being produced. Remakes are updated versions of old films, while reboots take an existing intellectual property and create new films or shows with that concept. High profile remakes include Planet of the Apes, Aladdin, The Mummy, and The Lion King. These movies attempted to re-tell the story that was previously told in the original film, but updating with modern film techniques like high quality cameras and CGI. The Lion King, for example, was originally an animated cartoon and the new version uses a mix of live animals and CGI to create a more realistic look. High profile reboots include Jurassic Park and Spiderman, as well as TV shows like Full House and Roseanne. These movies and shows are attempting to bring back old franchises that had immense popularity in their time, but the plots are outdated. For example, Jurassic Park was a massively successful film in the 90s, but our scientific understanding of DNA has changed a lot since the original was released. The new film updates the story for modern audiences. These remakes and reboots have gained popularity because of a wave of nostalgia for the 80s and 90s, but some viewers have become frustrated with the seemingly endless stream of reboots and remakes causing a shortage of original ideas.

### Agree

- nostalgia for the past is part of cultural growth

- original films have unpredictable quality

- reboots and remakes are popular

- film techniques have improved

### Disagree

- they are boring and predictable

- only created to make money off

- there is a shortage of original content

## Words & Expressions

| | |
|---|---|
| Remake | 리메이크(a film that tries to recreate a previous film) |
| Reboot | 리부트(a film that starts a new series using previous intellectual property, but with a new story) |
| intellectual property | 지적재산권(an original character, story, or idea) |
| Nostalgia | 향수(a longing for the past) |

## My Opinion

I agree with making reboots and remakes because...

 - people want to see stories and characters they are familiar with

 - it's always a good to make art

I disagree with making reboots and remakes because...

 - there are too many of them

 - we should have more original ideas