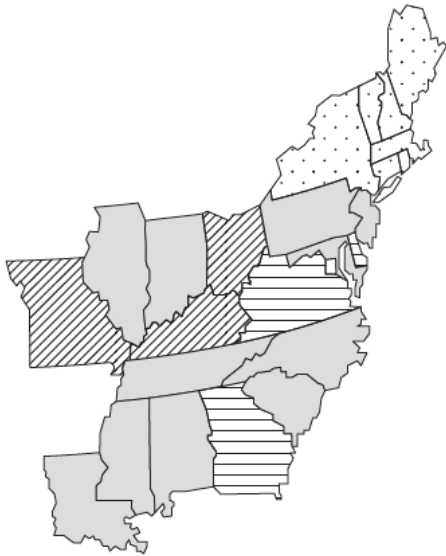


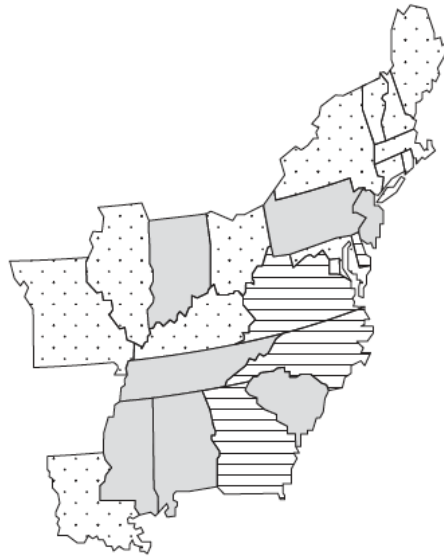
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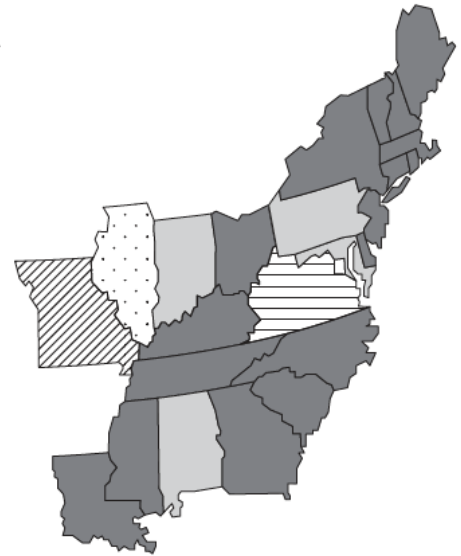
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



ELECTORAL COLLEGE RESULTS



VOTE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



POPULAR VOTE

	John Quincy Adams		William Harris Crawford		No popular vote, or not all four candidates appeared on the ballot
	Henry Clay		Andrew Jackson		

FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION OF 1824

- No state had all four of the top candidates on the ballot. Jackson did not appear on the ballot in most New England states; Adams was not on the ballot in Kentucky or North Carolina.
- One fourth of the states had no popular vote—the state legislature appointed the state’s electors in New York, Georgia, Vermont, Louisiana, and Delaware.
- The largest state at the time, New York, had no popular vote.
- Clay and Adams favored similar commercial policies.
- Clay and Adams met privately about a month before the House voted.
- Andrew Jackson’s political views were largely unknown in 1824.
- Both Adams and Clay denied making a “corrupt bargain,” and no evidence of an agreement between the two men was ever presented.