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A **new** president will be  
**inaugurated** on January  
20. It is an **exciting** day!

You are a reporter and have been asked  
to write an article about this event.  
Answer the questions to help you  
write your **groundbreaking**,  
**exciting** story. Pulitzer  
Prize here you come!



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# The DAILY NEWS

January 20

## New President is Inaugurated

When does the event take place and who is involved?

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Where does the event take place? What kind of  
weather is it?

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What is the event and why is it important?

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Draw an illustration of the most exciting part of the event here:

In your professional opinion, what is the most exciting and  
inspiring part of the event? (Feel free to do a little research on  
what happens during an inauguration to help you here if you need  
to. After all, an inauguration only happens every four years!)

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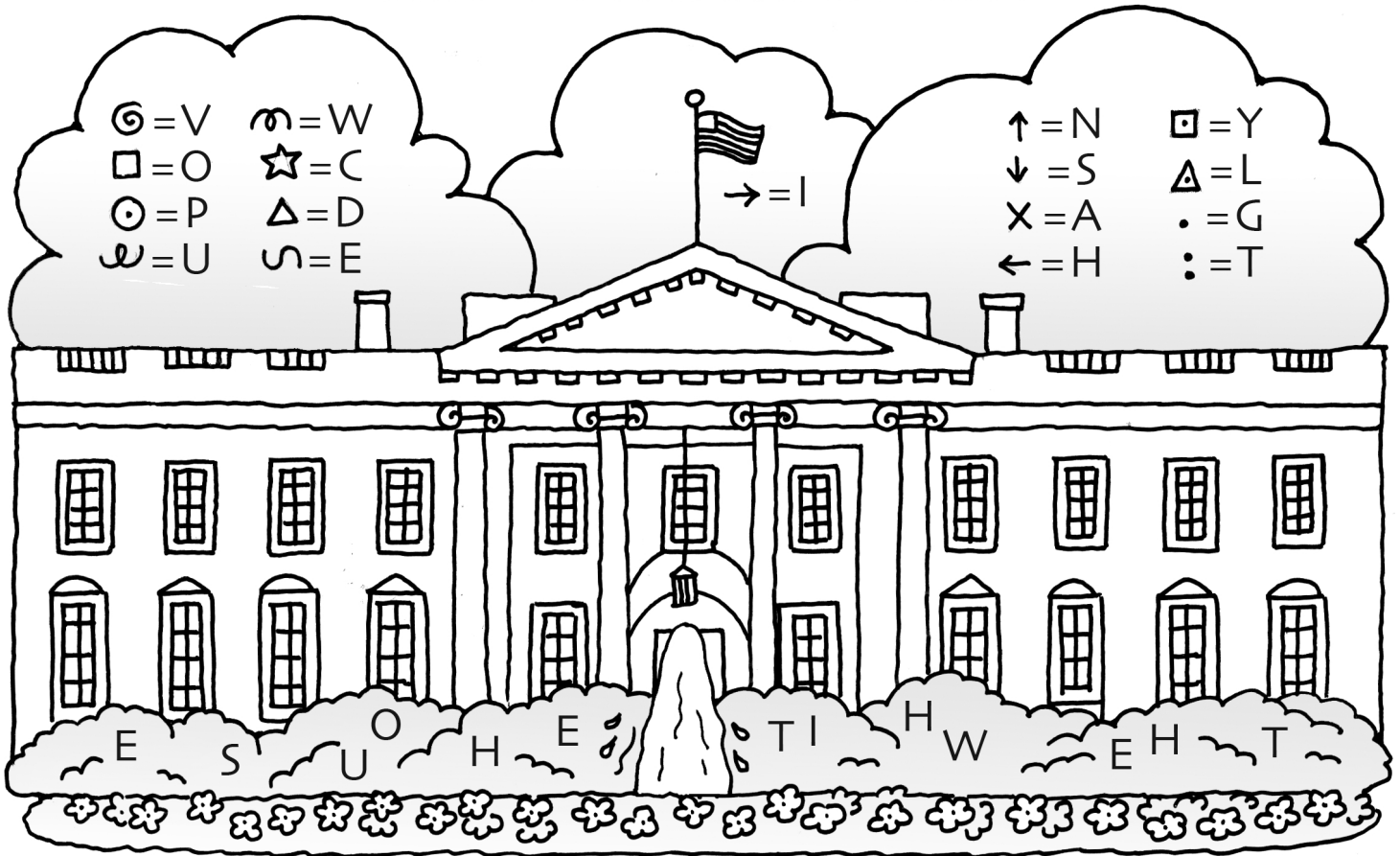
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# New Address

After Inauguration Day, the new president moves his or her family to a new home. Read the name of this majestic house. You will see it written backward in the bushes. Then follow the code to read its address below!



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## Speech of Promise

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*I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.*

Each president since George Washington in 1789 has said this oath. An oath is a promise. The first inauguration took place in New York at Federal Hall. Washington took his oath on a balcony. It overlooked Wall Street. The crowd cheered three times. Washington went back to the Senate to give his inaugural speech.



Four years later, Washington took his second oath. This took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This was a temporary home for the government while the permanent capital was being built. After the ceremony, Washington gave the shortest speech in history. It was just one hundred thirty-five words.

By 1801, the U.S. government's home was in Washington, D.C. Thomas Jefferson walked from where he was staying in the new capital city to his inauguration ceremony. He took his oath of office and gave a speech. The audience listened in the Senate chamber. He ended his day with a meal at his boarding house.

Andrew Jackson's inauguration in 1829 was the first to be held on the east side of the Capitol building. From 1837 to 1981, most presidents took the oath there. Bad weather or illness forced the ceremony to be held elsewhere a few times.

As Inauguration Day crowds grew, a new place was needed. Ronald Reagan's inauguration was held on the west side of the Capitol in 1981. Each president since then has continued this tradition.

The tradition of giving a speech started with George Washington. The speech is sometimes called an address. Every president since has given a speech. William Henry Harrison gave the longest speech. His speech was eight thousand four hundred forty-five words. It was a very cold and wet day. He died one month later of pneumonia.

Most presidents use their inaugural speeches to share their vision and goals for the country. Some speeches have been so powerful that they have been quoted at different events. In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." In 1961, John F. Kennedy stated, "And so my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." These quotes and others have been repeated over the years.

After the inaugural address, the outgoing president and first lady leave the Capitol. Usually, the new president and vice president escort them out of the Capitol. Since 1977, the former president and first lady leave by

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helicopter. The new president and vice president continue their day with the inaugural luncheon.

The oath of office and the inaugural address mark the beginning of new leadership. This tradition has taken place for the past two hundred years. Many citizens look on with excitement as the new president shares his or her vision with the country.

Speech of Promise

## Questions

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1. A synonym for oath is \_\_\_\_\_.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Where did George Washington take his first oath of office?

A. New York  
B. on a balcony  
C. overlooking Wall Street  
D. all of the above

3. Why did George Washington take his second oath of office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania?

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Who gave the shortest inaugural address in history at one hundred thirty-five words?

A. Harry Truman  
B. George W. Bush  
C. Ronald Reagan  
D. George Washington

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

A. false  
B. true

6. Inaugurations since 1981 have been held on the west side of the Capitol. Where was it held before this?

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What is another name for the speech that the new president gives on Inauguration Day?
- A. debate
  - B. lecture
  - C. talk
  - D. address
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Who said "We have nothing to fear but fear itself"?
- A. William J. Clinton
  - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - C. John F. Kennedy
  - D. Abraham Lincoln

Is 27 a composite or a prime number?

Rosa has \$37. She wants to buy something that costs \$99. How much more does she need?

How many total legs are on 9 dogs?

Find the product of 8 and 3.

$$17 + \underline{\quad} + 27 = 55$$

$$42 \div 6 =$$

Draw a small clock that shows 10 minutes past 7:00.

You have a playdate in 300 minutes. How many hours is that?

Write the number that has exactly 2 thousands.

How many minutes are there from 8:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.?

Round 555 to the nearest hundred.

Is 350 closer to 300 or 400?

☐ If you were president of the United States, what goals and promises would you include in your inaugural address?

☐ Why do you think that the president of the United States must take an oath before he or she takes over the office? What consequences if any should happen if he or she does not live up to the oath?

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# Inauguration Information

The presidential inauguration is an important ceremony for our country! Test your knowledge of this event by making lines from the "striped" questions to their correct "star" answers.

**Who**does it involve?  
\_\_\_\_\_

On the Capitol Building's steps

**What**does it signify?  
\_\_\_\_\_

To celebrate the voters' choice for President of the United States

**Where**does it happen?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Our new President, new Vice President, Supreme Court members, senators, and representatives

**Why**does it happen?  
\_\_\_\_\_January 20th  
However, if that date falls on a Sunday, it is delayed for a day.**When**does it happen?  
\_\_\_\_\_

The beginning of our new President's term in office

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Sometimes a **song** or a **poem** is a part of the inauguration ceremony.

**You** have been asked to write an **ode** for this **historic** event. An **ode** is a **poem** that praises something. Write a few lines, and don't worry if it doesn't rhyme. (Does that rhyme?)

# Ode to the Inauguration

Draw a small symbol to represent your ode here:




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That was  
beautiful.  
**Nice work.**



Do you think the inauguration of a new president is an important ceremony for our country that is worthy of praise in an ode? Why or why not?

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## What Happens on Inauguration Day?

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When a new president takes office, there is an inauguration. There is a formal ceremony. The new president and vice president take the oath of office. It takes place on the first day of the new president's term. That day is January 20. After the swearing-in, there is a parade. That night, there are balls for the new president to attend. If January 20 falls on a Sunday, the new president is sworn in on that day. The public celebrations will be the next day.

The new president and vice president each take an oath. The swearing-in ceremony usually is held on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Each person's oath is special. The vice president goes first. He swears to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States" and to carry out the duties of the office. A band plays the song, "Hail, Columbia." This song was composed for the inauguration of George Washington in 1789.

At noon, the new president takes his oath. He swears that he will "faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." The band plays "Hail to the Chief." There is a 21-gun salute. Then the new president gives his inaugural address. This is a speech that sets the tone for the next four years.

The former president and vice president and their wives leave the Capitol. The new vice president escorts the outgoing vice president and his wife. They pass through a military cordon. This is two lines of military soldiers. The new president escorts the outgoing president and his wife. Since 1977, the outgoing president and First Lady have left in a military helicopter. Then the new president and vice president return to the Capitol.

They are guests of honor at lunch with all the members of Congress. Then the new president and vice president leave the Capitol. They travel from the Capitol down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. They usually walk at least part of the way. Crowds of people line the street to see them. They are followed by a parade. The parade includes marching military regiments. There are citizens' groups who march, too. There are floats and marching bands. The president and vice president watch the rest of the parade. They will sit in a reviewing stand built especially for the inaugural parade in front of the White House. Their wives and special guests also sit in the reviewing stand.

That evening, the new president and vice president will attend the inaugural balls. A ball is a formal dance. Since 1953, there has been more than one official inaugural ball. Each president since then has had various numbers of balls held in his honor. In 1997, there were fourteen! In fact, there will be many balls and galas beginning five days before and ending five days after Inauguration Day.



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Of course, inauguration is different if the former president has died in office. In 1963, President John Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Texas. Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn-in some two hours later on Air Force One, the president's plane. Presidents are usually sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Instead, Johnson was sworn in by Judge Sarah Hughes, a family friend.

In 1974, President Nixon resigned from office. He resigned to avoid being impeached. Impeachment might have led to his removal from office. Gerald Ford became the new president. Ford was never elected either president or vice president! His swearing-in ceremony took place in the East Room of the White House.

Inaugural ceremonies have taken place for the president of the United States for more than two hundred years. Our nation celebrates the change of leadership based on our democratic system of government. The leadership of our country passes- peacefully- from one person to another. It is, indeed, something to celebrate!

What Happens on Inauguration Day?

## Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. When does inauguration take place in the U.S.?
- A. January 20
  - B. the first day of the new president's term of office
  - C. both A and B
2. What happens if January 20 falls on a Sunday?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What happens at the inaugural swearing-in ceremony?
- A. The president and vice president take the oath of office.
  - B. The new president leads a parade.
  - C. The outgoing president and vice president leave Washington, D.C.
  - D. The new president attends a dance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. "Hail, Columbia" is played after the president takes the oath of office.
- A. true
  - B. false
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Where is the swearing-in ceremony usually held?
- A. on Air Force One
  - B. on the steps of the White House
  - C. in the East Room of the White House
  - D. on the steps of the U.S. Capitol

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of these is NOT a part of the usual inauguration?
- A. inaugural address
  - B. taking the oath of office
  - C. dances
  - D. a ceremony on Air Force One
  - E. a parade
  - F. lunch with Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which president was never elected as either president or vice president?
- A. Gerald Ford
  - B. John Kennedy
  - C. Lyndon Johnson
  - D. Richard Nixon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which president resigned from office?
- A. Richard Nixon
  - B. Gerald Ford
  - C. John Kennedy
  - D. Lyndon Johnson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which president was NOT sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
- A. Gerald Ford
  - B. Richard Nixon
  - C. John Kennedy
  - D. Lyndon Johnson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. In recent years, the former president and First Lady leave the Capitol by what means of transportation?
- A. Air Force One
  - B. a military helicopter
  - C. a military cordon
  - D. none of the above

How do you know if a number is divisible by 4? Look at the last two digits of the number.

252,619

Is   divisible by 4?    Yes    No

If Yes, fill in:    $\div 4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: 252,619 is divisible by four      252,619 is not divisible by four

8,169,396

Is   divisible by 4?    Yes    No

If Yes, fill in:    $\div 4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: 8,169,396 is divisible by four      8,169,396 is not divisible by four

word root **miss** can mean **send**

**missile, missive**

☐ In your own words, describe a "normal" Inauguration Day. Give as many details as possible.

☐ Do you believe that the inauguration of a new president should be simpler or should include even more celebrations? Explain why you think so.

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# The Oath of Office

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*Caption: Lyndon B. Johnson taking the oath of office on Air Force One following the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Dallas, Texas.*



An oath is a promise. Certain clubs have their members recite oaths. Certain jobs, such as mayor or judge, use oaths. The Office of President of the United States is no exception. Yes, there is a presidential oath of office!

The writers of the Constitution of our new country, over two hundred years ago, included an oath of office. It is written in Article II, Section 1. It states, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." The writers did not include a time or place; instead, Congress was to decide. Therefore, originally, Inauguration Day was later in the year. Later, in 1933, it was moved up to January 20. Currently, the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies oversees the details.

George Washington took his first presidential oath of office overlooking Wall Street in New York City. Currently, the location is the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Of course, there have been exceptions when presidents died or resigned, and, therefore, the oath had to be administered under difficult circumstances.

As the oath is taken, the president-elect places his hand on the Bible. The Bible may be opened to a passage specially chosen by this leader for his special moment. Do you want to know something interesting? To this point in history, each president has picked a different passage. Only one time was the Bible not used during the taking of the presidential oath: in 1901 for Theodore Roosevelt.

Traditionally, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court administers the presidential oath of office. Once again, in an emergency, that may change, such as when U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes swore in Lyndon Johnson in 1963.

All of this talk about the presidential oath may leave you wondering about the vice president. The Constitution did not include a specifically written oath for the vice president. It just said the vice president should take an oath upholding the Constitution. This is the oath that has been used since 1884. It is also used by senators and representatives. "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: so help me God." While the Supreme Court Chief Justice administers the presidential oath, the vice president-elect has a choice in the matter. For some, it has been

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the Chief Justice anyway. Sometimes it was the departing vice president. Sometimes it's been the president pro tempore of the Senate. Nowadays, it's usually someone of special meaning to the vice president-elect.

Where does the vice president-elect take his oath? In the distant past, it was in the Senate chamber. Currently, it's in the same place as the president - the terrace of the U.S. Capitol. In what order are the oaths taken? The vice president-elect is sworn in before the president-elect.

The oaths repeated on Inauguration Day are filled with tradition and promise. While times may have changed, the promises have remained. While the speeches and parties may vary, the oaths offer a symbol of leadership as the country transitions from one leader to the next.

### The Oath of Office

## Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. An oath is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. writer
  - B. promise
  - C. order
  - D. betrayal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The oath for an incoming president is written in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. tablet of the Statue of Liberty
  - B. Gettysburg Address
  - C. Declaration of Independence
  - D. Constitution
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The writers believed \_\_\_\_\_ should decide on the place the oath would be administered.
  - A. the media
  - B. Congress
  - C. the Supreme Court
  - D. the First Lady
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Since 1933, a traditionally planned Inauguration Day is held on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. April 20
  - B. March 20
  - C. February 20
  - D. January 20
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Only one time was the Bible not used during the taking of the presidential oath. That was for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. George Washington
  - B. Bill Clinton
  - C. Lyndon Johnson
  - D. Theodore Roosevelt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Constitution did not include a specific oath for the vice president.
  - A. true
  - B. false

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7. Who takes the oath first on Inauguration Day?

- A. the vice president-elect
- B. the president-elect

8. Who traditionally administers the oath for the president-elect?

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There are 2 groups of 4 rocks. How many rocks?

Write the number that is one hundred less than 4,638.

How many tens are in the number 2,300?

Round 82 to the nearest ten.

Name the shape with five sides and five angles.

$11 + 7 \times 2$

Peter bought 6 dozen cupcakes for a party. How many cupcakes did he buy?

Wendy has 40 books. She organized them equally into 4 boxes. How many books in each box?

Jason earns \$18 an hour. He worked 5 hours. How much did he make?

How many total legs are on 7 owls?

What number is halfway between 47 and 51?

Write the number that has exactly 9 millions.

- ☐ Explain the words of the presidential oath.
- ☐ Explain the words of the vice presidential oath.
- ☐ Compare and contrast the different oaths for the vice president and the president.
- ☐ Compare and contrast the oaths of the president and vice president to other oaths.
- ☐ Write your own oath for a club at school or home.
- ☐ Write a new oath for the incoming president.

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