

2009 Presidential Inauguration Day

Resources and Lesson Plans for Classroom Use



Inauguration of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, January 20, 1961
Photo Courtesy National Archives and Records Administration

"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 Presidential Oath of Office, in accordance with
Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution

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Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

Includes a history of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, and information about the swearing-in ceremonies, inaugural addresses, luncheon, parade, ball, and other activities of 54 formal Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held at over ten different locations. Also includes updated information about the 2009 Presidential Inauguration.

<http://inaugural.senate.gov/index.cfm>

American Memory of the Library of Congress

"I Do Solemnly Swear . . ." Presidential Inaugurations

A collection of approximately four hundred items and two thousand digital files relating to inaugurations from George Washington's in 1789 to George W. Bush's inauguration of 2001. This presentation includes diaries and letters of presidents and of those who witnessed inaugurations, handwritten drafts of inaugural addresses, broadsides, inaugural tickets and programs, prints, photographs, and sheet music.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pihome.html>

Inauguration Quiz!

The National Archives for Educators and Students

Test your knowledge about past Presidential inaugurations in this online activity.

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/inaugural-quiz/>

The Avalon Project, Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy

Yale Law School

Lillian Goldman Law Library

The Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents

Find the inaugural addresses of 37 presidents from George Washington's first and second terms to George W. Bush's 2001 address.

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/inaug.asp

National Endowment for the Humanities

EDSITEment

I Do Solemnly Swear: Presidential Inaugurations

Five lessons plans for grades 3-5

http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=333

Inside the School

2009 Presidential Inauguration Lesson Plan

Two-period lesson plan to lead secondary students with discussions and projects around the 2009 Presidential Inauguration themes, “A New Birth of Freedom” honoring Abraham Lincoln’s upcoming 200th birthday and “Renewing America’s Promise” selected by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

<http://www.insidetheschool.com/2009-presidential-inauguration-day-lesson-plan>

Education World

Hail to the Chief: Inauguration Lessons

Ten activities to help students, grades K-12 learn about and commemorate the inauguration. Included: Activities in which students write letters to the president, create presidential portraits, complete an inauguration trivia hunt, and much more.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson219.shtml

Lesson Planet, The Search Engine for Teachers

Includes 122 Presidential Inauguration lessons plans developed, used, and rated by teachers.

<http://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=presidential+inauguration&rating=3>

Smithsonian Student Travel

Inauguration 2009 Countdown Kit

Includes lesson plans, online educational resources, and links to inaugural speeches of all presidents.

<http://www.smithsonianstudenttravel.com/splash/inaugurationcountdownkit/default.aspx>

C-Span

Learning About Inaugural Addresses

This lesson examines the inaugural addresses of five presidents: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and George W. Bush.

<http://www.c-span.org/classroom/govt/inauguration.asp>

Inauguration 2009: A Call to Action for All Americans

Take the Oath of Citizenship

A Civic Education Lesson for Students, Grades 5-12

This concise lesson is designed to help students understand the history of the Oath of Office as an American tradition, the circumstances and significance of Inaugural Addresses, and the importance of fulfilling the responsibility of citizenship by calling upon citizens to create and uphold a commitment to practice responsible citizenship.

www.lacoe.edu/historysocialscience