



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

The President's Promise

This week, the United States will practice a "peaceful transfer of power" when Donald J. Trump is inaugurated as president.

Until the late 1790s, there were no political parties in the U.S. But in the election of 1800, two parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans, competed for the presidency. When Thomas Jefferson, a Democratic-Republican, won the office, the Federalists accepted the outcome and did not act against him.

Peacefully transferring power between two different political belief systems became an important feature of our democracy.

A busy day

Jan. 20, 2017, will be a day full of celebration, ceremony and tradition.

• In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt began the tradition of attending church on the morning of the inauguration. President-elect Trump and his family are expected to do the same.

• Next, the president-elect and vice president-elect and their wives will go to the White House. Then Trump and President Obama will go together to the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremonies.

• Vice President-elect Mike Pence will take the oath of office first. The oaths are given by the chief justice of the United States.

• Donald Trump will recite the president's oath of office. It reads: *"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the*

Mini Fact:

The wording of the presidential oath of office comes from the U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 1.



The events at the Capitol will take place on the west front terrace of the building.

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." Mr. Trump's wife will hold a Bible; some past presidents have used George Washington's or Abraham Lincoln's Bible.



Chief Justice John Roberts will direct the oath, as he did for President Obama.

• The new president will then address the nation. Modern presidents have presented their goals and vision for the United States during this speech.

After the oath

• When the ceremony is over, President Obama and his wife, Michelle, will leave the Capitol and return to their private lives. The Obamas will live in Washington, D.C., while their daughter Sasha finishes high school there.

• President Trump and the first lady, Melania Trump, along with Vice President Pence and his wife, Karen Pence, will remain at the Capitol for an inaugural luncheon. Also at the lunch will be leaders of Congress and other guests.

• The new president and vice president will then either walk or ride at the front of a parade from the Capitol to the White House.

In the evening

On the evening of the inauguration, several balls, or formal parties, will be held in honor of the new president and vice president.

The first inaugural ball took place in 1809. Some presidents have canceled the parties because they thought the occasion should be more serious.



George W. Bush and Laura Bush at one of his inaugural balls.

Resources



On the Web:

- youtu.be/as5J-RUTW3w
- bit.ly/2f0uBsR

At the library:

- "Our Country's Presidents: All You Need to Know About the Presidents, From George Washington to Barack Obama" by Ann Bausum

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Inauguration Day are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



BIBLE, CAPITOL,	J W E C I F F O S P E E C H W
CELEBRATION, CHURCH,	L U F E C A E P X X V I C E C
INAUGURATION,	N O I T A R B E L E C Y Z U I
JEFFERSON, LEADERS,	J W E S T T N E D I S E R P C
OATH, OFFICE, PEACEFUL,	L E A D E R S R E W O P T C A
POLITICAL, POWER,	B K Y N O I T I D A R T H H P
PRESIDENT, SPEECH,	I N A U G U R A T I O N L U I
TRADITION, TRANSFER,	B H T A O X U R E F S N A R T
VICE, WEST.	L W O Z J E F F E R S O N C O
	E Q A L A C I T I L O P K H L

Cook's Corner

Sweet Sopaipilla Chips

You'll need:

- 2 small (5 1/2- to 6-inch) flour tortillas (whole-wheat or regular)
- 1 tablespoon butter

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons honey

What to do:

1. Place tortillas on top of each other and cut into 8 triangles with a pizza cutter (16 triangles in all).
2. Melt butter in microwave for 15 seconds.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.
4. Brush triangles with butter on one side and place butter side up on a cookie sheet.
5. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees until triangles are slightly crisp, like chips.
6. Remove from oven. Sprinkle chips evenly with sugar and cinnamon mixture, and then drizzle with honey.



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. extra (5) _____
2. exploding mountain (7) _____
3. he hears a Who (6) _____
4. circus swing (7) _____
5. what you send in the mail (6) _____
6. what you shave with (5) _____
7. Spongebob's friend (7) _____

CA	HOR	TRAP	TR
PA	ZOR	TER	EZE
RA	ICK	TON	NO
RE	SPA	VOL	LET

Answers: spare, volcano, Horton, trapeze, letter, razor, Patrick.

Mini Jokes



Donald: What sounds like a piece of sports equipment but is really a big dance?

Doug: An inaugural ball!

Eco Note



Scientists believe that our climate is changing because power plants, factories and cars are putting too much carbon dioxide (CO2) into the atmosphere. CO2 acts like a blanket, holding in warmth. As a result, polar ice is melting faster, weather is more extreme, animals are becoming extinct, and some crops can no longer grow. Let our new president know if you think it's important that we protect the Earth's climate. You can send a letter to:

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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