



The Mini Page

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Next Week:
Remembering
Dr. King

The 47th President



U.S. Marine Corps photo by Master Sgt. Amanda Simmons

Next week, the United States will practice a "peaceful transfer of power" when Donald J. Trump is inaugurated as president for his second term.

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, 2025, will be a day full of ceremony and tradition.

- In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt began the tradition of attending church on the morning of the inauguration.

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

- Vice President-elect JD Vance will take the oath of office first. The oaths are given by the chief justice of the United States, John Roberts.



Donald J. Trump

Photo: Shealah Craighead, White House



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

- Trump will recite the president's oath of office. It reads:

"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."

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

- 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

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

Mini Fact:

Donald J. Trump was first elected president in 2016. He was elected again on Nov. 5, 2024.



Air Force Academy cadets march in the inaugural parade in 2017.

Inauguration afternoon

When the inauguration is over, President Biden and his wife, Jill, will leave the Capitol and return to their private lives.

The Bidens will live in Wilmington, Delaware.

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.



President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, dance at an inaugural ball in 1985.

Resources



On the Web:

- youtu.be/as5J-RUTW3w

At the library:

- "Presidential Elections and Other Cool Facts" by Syl Sobel
- "Our Country's Presidents" by Ann Bausum

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Try 'n' Find

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



BALLS, BIDEN, CAPITOL, CHURCH, DEMOCRACY, INAUGURATION, JUSTICE, OATH, PARADE, PARTIES, PEACEFUL, POWER, PRESIDENT, SPEECH, TERRACE, TRANSFER, TRUMP, VANCE.

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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 mixture, and then drizzle with honey.

Serves 2.

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

Mini Jokes

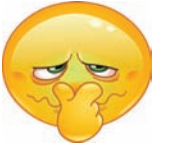


Archer: Which of George Washington's generals had the best sense of humor?
Preston: Laughayette!

Eco Note



Tremors and the smell of rotten eggs around the West Texas community of Toyah were punctuated by the sudden eruption of a geyser from an abandoned wellhead, which sent water spewing 100 feet into the air. The well, drilled in 1961 to a depth of 11,331 feet, did not encounter any crude oil. Since last October, it has produced around eight blowouts of contaminated water, causing residents of the remote town to worry about the safety of their fresh water supply.



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For later:

Look in your newspaper for updates about the inauguration.

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1. To make or become become different; switch; substitute (6-letter verb)

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2. A large number of people in one place (5-letter noun)

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3. Hitting open palms together to show approval (8-letter gerund)

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4. Sounds with a melody, rhythm and often harmony (5-letter noun)

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1. A current president will _____ places with a new president.
2. A large _____ came to the inauguration in Washington, D.C.
3. There was a lot of _____ and smiling at the ceremony.
4. A large band played _____ that people liked at the party.

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ROOTONYM®

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Change, Crowd, Clapping, Music.

KidSpot™

By Dan Thompson

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Your job in this math problem is to place the three numbers shown to complete the problem.



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