"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."

United States Constitution Article II, Section I
Inauguration Day

Welcome
The inauguration of a new president is a perfect example of American democracy. People vote for the country’s leader, and the new president takes over from the current president in a peaceful transfer of power.

The National Park Service preserves public spaces, including the history of presidents and past inaugurations. Complete this activity book to the best of your ability to earn a special Junior Ranger badge.

The New President’s First Day
Many presidents-elect have started their inauguration day at St. John’s Episcopal Church. 1 The president-elect then stops by the White House and rides with the president 2 to the U.S. Capitol. 3 There, the chief justice of the Supreme Court swears in the vice-president and then the president. 4

The dashed red line is the route of the Inaugural Parade. **Circle the White House and the U.S. Capitol** on the map below.
Ask an adult if you need help to answer:

What is the name of the new president?

What number president is he?
(the white dots will tell you the answer)

What is the name of the president’s spouse?

After being sworn in, the new president gives a speech. 5 The president has lunch in the Capitol then leads a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. 6 When the president gets to the White House he and his family watch the parade from a reviewing stand. 7 At the end of the day the president and first lady attend inaugural balls. 8
Presidential Memorials

Thirteen presidents have monuments, memorials, or graves in the Washington, D.C. area. Find their names in the word search!

BONUS: Find four more presidents’ names in the word search who do not have memorials in Washington.

Buchanan  Kennedy  F Roosevelt  Lincoln  Garfield  Taft  Grant  T Roosevelt  Jackson  Washington  Jefferson  Wilson  Johnson

Memorials are one way to remember presidents. Another way is to put presidents on our money. Draw lines to connect each presidential memorial and their coin.
Presidential Edition
Presidential parks and libraries are all across the country. Look at the map below to see where they are located.

Which sites are closest to where you live?

Which site would you like to visit the most?
Are you cold and tired? Would you like to view the Inaugural Parade in a cozy spot? The president feels the same way! Fortunately, the president, his family, and friends can watch the parade from a warm, safe place. It’s called the Presidential Reviewing Stand. See two pictures of the presidential reviewing stand over the years below.


**Draw your own** Presidential Reviewing Stand
Help President Jackson Escape!

When our seventh president Andrew Jackson took office, the public awaited him at the White House. The reception got so rowdy that President Jackson supposedly had to flee out of one of the windows!

Use the maze to help Andrew Jackson escape the crowds after his inauguration!
Washington Monument

The Washington Monument was the first presidential memorial on the National Mall. **Match the pictures** below with the description to complete the story of how the monument was built.

1. Robert Mills entered this design for the monument contest.
2. Construction stopped in 1854 when money ran out.
3. After workers returned to build it in the 1870s, the capstone was set in 1884.
4. The monument remains the tallest building in the capital today.

Lincoln Memorial

An inaugural address is the speech the new president gives after he is sworn in. At the Lincoln Memorial, you can see President Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address carved on the wall.

**Break the code** to find a famous line from Lincoln's speech.

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Thomas Jefferson was the first president inaugurated in Washington, D.C. He moved into the new White House as it was being finished.

Help Jefferson make the White House a fitting home for the president. **Draw decorations and furniture** on the floor plan below.
Lady Bird Johnson Park

“Lady Bird” Johnson was the wife of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. As First Lady, Mrs. Johnson worked hard to beautify Washington, D.C. She had millions of flowers planted all over the city so that all who visited could feel proud of their nation’s capital. Soon, highways across America were lined with brightly colored wildflowers as cities and states followed her example. Lady Bird Johnson believed, “Where flowers bloom, so does hope.”

How would you beautify Washington, D.C.? Draw your own park with flowers, trees, and anything else you think is beautiful!
Theodore Roosevelt Island

During his presidency, Theodore Roosevelt preserved 230 million acres of land including five national parks. How do you honor the “conservation president?” Landscape architects transformed neglected farmland into Theodore Roosevelt Island. Today, miles of trails through woods and swamps honor the 26th president.

Match the names and pictures of five national parks that Roosevelt helped create.

1. Petrified Forest
   Arizona

2. Devil’s Tower
   Wyoming

3. Grand Canyon
   Arizona

4. Lassen Volcanic
   California

5. Montezuma’s Castle
   Arizona


Roosevelt (left) stands with naturalist John Muir at Yosemite Valley.
CONGRATULATIONS TO

Who has successfully completed the requirements in this Junior Ranger program and has explored, learned, and protected the national parks that host the Presidential Inauguration.

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Junior Ranger                               Park Ranger

Collect park stamps here!

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