Presidential Moments: Inauguration

Match the president to his inauguration.

1. Which U.S. president did not use a Bible at his inauguration?
   - Thomas Jefferson
   - Andrew Jackson
   - Franklin Pierce
   - Richard Nixon

2. Which mishap occurred at the inauguration of George Washington?
   - Nobody thought to bring a Bible to take the oath of office
   - A late frost killed off the cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C.
   - An influenza epidemic prevented large crowds from gathering and spreading germs in the fledgling new Republic.
   - Communications about the inauguration did not reach Vice President John Adams in time for him to join in the celebration.

3. Which long-winded president delivered the longest inaugural address?
   - Abraham Lincoln
   - Ronald Reagan
   - William Henry Harrison
   - George W. Bush

4. Which president gave the shortest address?
   - George Washington
   - Franklin Pierce
   - Herbert Hoover
   - Woodrow Wilson

5. Why did Zachary Taylor postpone his inauguration?
   - The date in question, 4 March 1849, fell on a Sunday.
   - He was afflicted with chicken pox.
Sectional rivalry prevented such a gathering until congressional compromise could be crafted. Threats against the president-elect caused concern.

6. Which president was inaugurated in secret?
   - Rutherford B. Hayes
   - Ulysses S. Grant
   - Abraham Lincoln
   - Gerald Ford

7. Whose inaugural address was the first to be broadcast on television?
   - John F. Kennedy
   - Richard Nixon
   - Harry S. Truman
   - Lyndon B. Johnson

8. Who was the first president to take the oath of office in Washington, D.C.?
   - George Washington
   - John Adams
   - Thomas Jefferson
   - James Madison

9. How many presidents did NOT take the oath of office in Washington, D.C.?
   - 1
   - 10
   - 6
   - 4

10. Who was the first president to be inaugurated on 20 January instead of 4 March?
    - Calvin Coolidge
    - Warren G. Harding
    - Franklin D. Roosevelt
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower

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