

## 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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