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Today is Inauguration Day! It's January 20, and the United States has a **new** president. You are **magically** transported to **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, to see this event, and you write about it in your **special PATRIOTIC** journal. Finish your journal entry of this historic day!

A spiral-bound journal with a decorative border of American flags at the top. The journal is open to a page with horizontal lines. A pen with a star on its tip is resting on the right side of the journal. A pencil is tucked under the bottom right corner of the journal. The text "Dear Journal, You won't believe this, but I was magically taken to see the inauguration of our new president. It was an incredible day!" is written in cursive on the first few lines of the page.

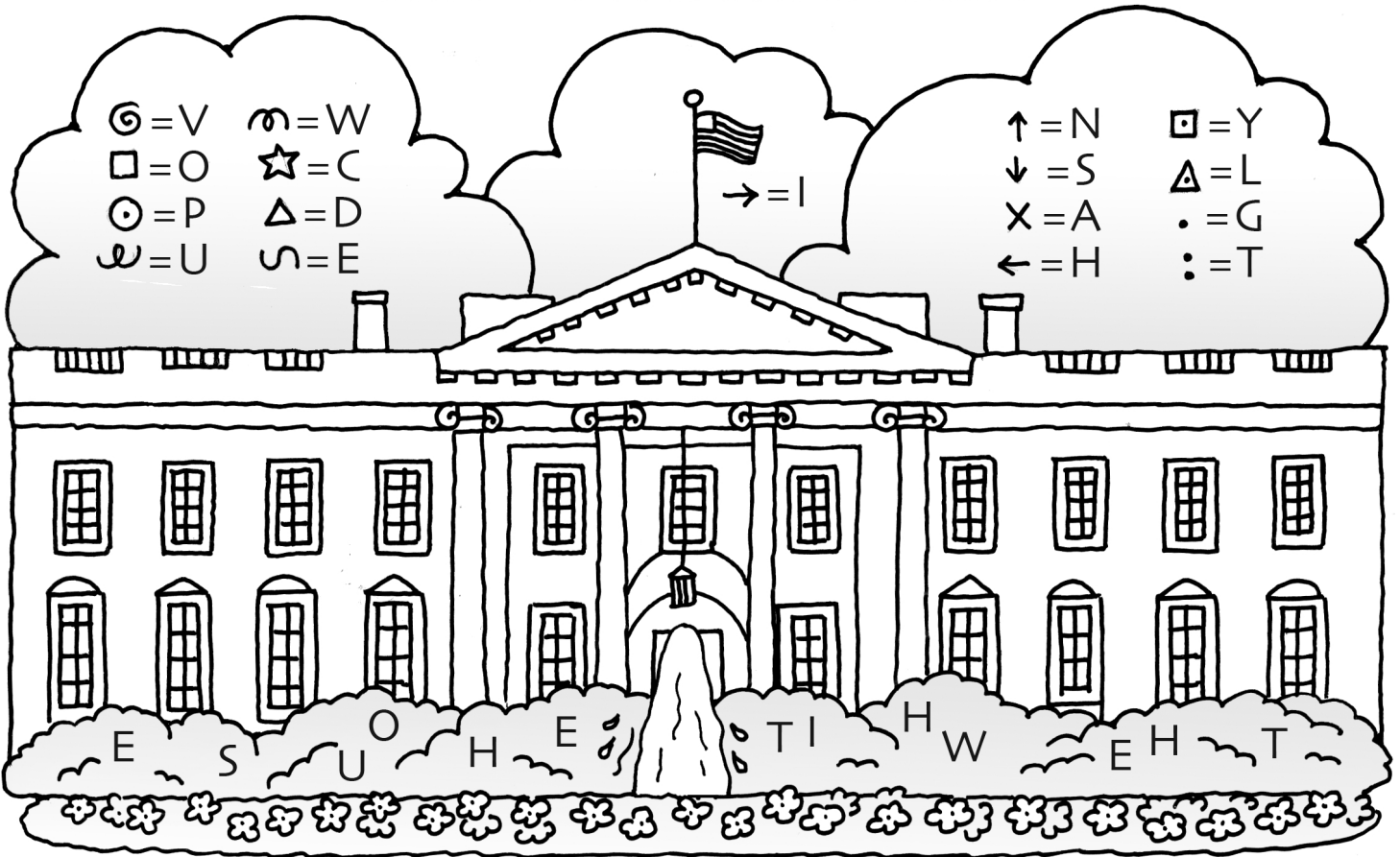
Draw an illustration of the most memorable part of the day:



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# New Address

After Inauguration Day, the new president moves his or her family to a new home. Read the name of this majestic house. You will see it written backward in the bushes. Then follow the code to read its address below!



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# The Inauguration of a President

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Every four years, Americans elect a president. Then there is an inauguration (in-ah-gyeh-RAY-shun). This event is almost always set on January 20, but if that date is on Sunday, the ceremonies take place on January 21. It is almost like a party for the president! The event is held in Washington, D.C. That is our nation's capital. First there is a swearing-in ceremony. That is when the president-elect becomes our president. Later that day, there is a parade. The president is in it. So are many other people. It runs down the street from the U.S. Capitol to the White House. The day ends with inaugural balls. People dress up in fancy clothes to dance. That's how we honor the elected president in America.



The Inauguration of a President

## Questions

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1. On what date do most inaugurations occur?

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of these is NOT part of an inauguration?

- A. ball
- B. ball game
- C. swearing-in
- D. parade

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. To whose home does the parade go?

- A. Abraham Lincoln's
- B. the governor's
- C. George Washington's
- D. the president's

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Inauguration is to \_\_\_\_\_ as president is to leader.

- A. ceremony
- B. debate
- C. White House
- D. surgery

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After the inauguration, the **new** president gives an address, or speech. Answer these questions about the speech. Use your best handwriting and complete sentences, just in case the President wants to see them!



What do you think might be the most important topic the new president should talk about?

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How do you think the new president will feel giving his or her first speech as president?

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How long do you think this speech should be?

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If you had to tell something to the new president, what would you say?

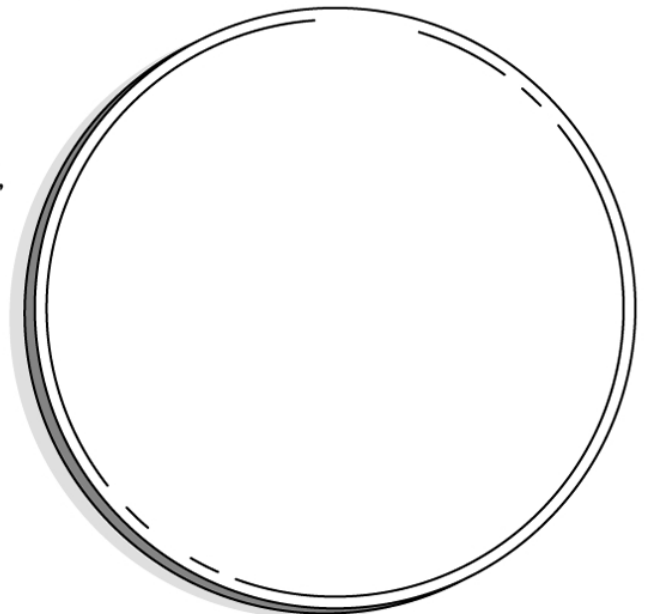
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There is a tradition of creating a medal about the inauguration. Draw the picture you would put on a medal for the new president here:

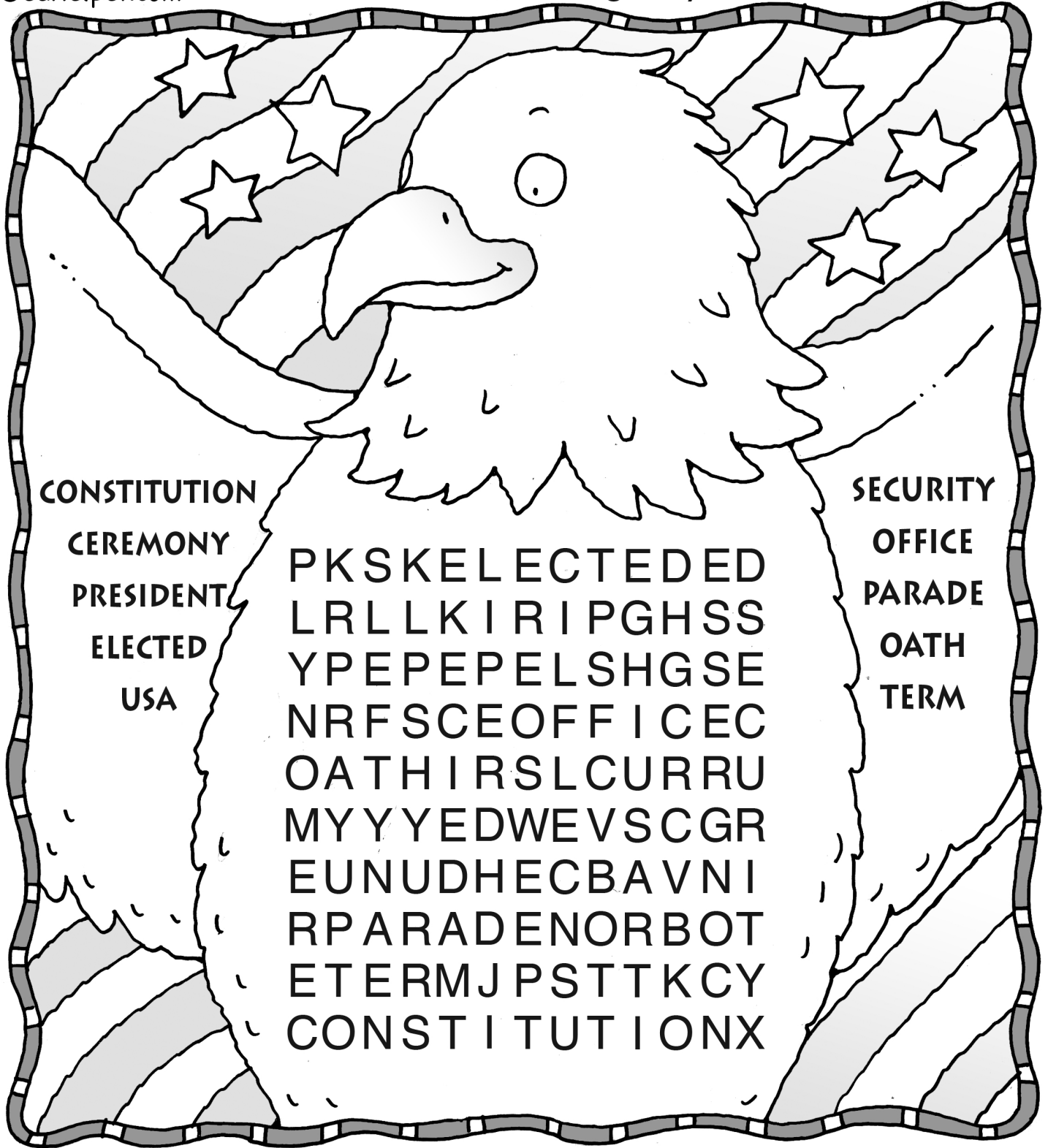


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# INAUGURATION

Find and circle the words associated with an inauguration. Look up, down, across, and diagonally.

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CONSTITUTION  
 CEREMONY  
 PRESIDENT  
 ELECTED  
 USA

PKSKELECTEDED  
 LRLKIRIPGHSS  
 YPEPEPELSHGSE  
 NRFSCOFFICEC  
 OATHIRSLCURRU  
 MYYEDWEVSCGR  
 EUNUDHECBAVNI  
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 CONSTITUTIONX

SECURITY  
 OFFICE  
 PARADE  
 OATH  
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## A Day to Remember

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Jayden's father loves to read. He reads magazines and newspapers. He watches television programs. Jayden's father likes to know what is happening in the world. He reads several news magazines. He reads the local newspaper to learn about his city and state. He watches television news shows to learn about what is going on in his country and in other countries.

Mr. Kay told Jayden that he learned a lot by keeping up with the news. He said that Jayden should try to learn to read the news, too.

Jayden tried to read the news. It was very hard. There were so many big words. Jayden could read some words. His father helped him read the rest. The names of other countries were very hard.

One news article was about the president-to-be. Jayden learned that there is an election every four years to choose a president. He learned that the president-to-be isn't really the president until January 20. January 20 is called Inauguration Day.

Mr. Kay and Jayden watched television together on January 20. It was very exciting. All kinds of things started to happen about lunchtime. There was a tour of Washington, D.C. There were interviews with people in the government. There were stories about the family of the president-to-be.

Jayden's father told him it was important to listen carefully to the people on television. Each inauguration day was a part of history. Millions of people had voted for the president-to-be.

Then it was almost time for the inauguration. There were thousands of people at the place for the inauguration. Most of them were very happy.

At last they got to see the president-to-be. She said some words and promised to protect the country the best she could. And then she was the president! She gave a long speech. Jayden tried hard to listen, but he did not understand all of the speech. When the president finished her speech, there was a lot of clapping and shaking hands.

After the inauguration, the president led a long, exciting parade. There were many bands and lots of music. When the parade was over, there were many parties for the president and her family.

It was quite a day! Jayden got to see the inauguration. Now he knew why his dad loved reading and listening to the news.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Is Jayden a boy or a girl?
- A. The story does not say.
  - B. Jayden is a girl.
  - C. Jayden is a boy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The President of the United States is inaugurated on January 20.
- A. false
  - B. true
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. On Inauguration Day, which of these happens after the president's speech?
- A. The president-to-be arrives.
  - B. A new president is elected.
  - C. The parade starts.
  - D. There is a tour of Washington, D.C., on television.
4. What are three things Jayden's father likes to do?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
5. When does a president-to-be become president?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A president is elected every \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. four years
  - B. two years
  - C. five years
  - D. three years
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What is one thing presidents-to-be have to promise to do?
- A. build a lot of submarines
  - B. be in a movie
  - C. protect their country
  - D. make cookies for everyone
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Jayden is most likely to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. five years old
  - B. sixteen years old
  - C. twenty years old
  - D. twelve years old

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9. BONUS QUESTION: So far, all of our presidents have been men. Do you think a woman will ever become president? Tell why or why not.

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48, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, 53, 54, \_\_\_\_\_, 56,  
\_\_\_\_\_, 58, \_\_\_\_\_

$8 - 5 = \underline{\quad}$   
 $5 + \underline{\quad} = 8$


$\underline{\quad} - 10 = 6$   
 $19 - \underline{\quad} = 15$

Amy has six tickets to the middle school play. She gave Pam a ticket. She gave three tickets to Holly. How many tickets does Amy have left?

Y, Y, \_\_\_\_\_, q, Y, Y, q, q,  
Y, Y, q, q, Y, Y, q, q, Y

Estimate. Write an EVEN number. About how many pencils can you hold in your hand?

Rose loves reading. She read 2 books this month. She plans to read 11 more. How many books will she read this month?

How much is this?  


98, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 104

$12 + 10 = \underline{\quad}$   
 $12 + 13 = \underline{\quad}$

B, E, H, K, \_\_\_\_\_, Q, T, W,  
Z

14, 28, \_\_\_\_\_, 56, 70, 84,  
98, 112



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How many of these can you write about? Think! Write! Check all the ones you answered.

- Tell about a time you went to a parade.
- Would you like to be the president of a country? Tell why.
- Do you like to watch the news on television? Tell why.
- Why do you think it is important to know about the news?

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# Match the inaugural events on the left to their definitions on the right.



Meeting

A midday lunch

Oath

The existing President and new President talk

Parade

Dances and celebrations

Address

The new President takes this during a swearing-in ceremony

Luncheon

A number of people and displays go past spectators

Balls/Parties

A speech during which goals for the country are featured

Worship

A religious service takes place

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Write in the numbers that appear below the letters onto the blanks on the side.

Then do the math problem as directed.

The final answer will show when this special day traditionally takes place.

Inauguration Day is filled with  
56

activities! It signifies when the  
24

President-elect is given full  
6

power to be the President of the  
67 22 7

United States. It includes events  
23

such as a speech, a luncheon, and  
15

a parade. It ends with balls and  
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parties to celebrate.  
8

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d \_\_\_\_ (-)

s \_\_\_\_ (+)

c \_\_\_\_ (-)

l \_\_\_\_ (+)

v \_\_\_\_ (-)

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# The Presidential Inauguration

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*Caption: A large crowd of people witness the second swearing-in ceremony of President George W. Bush at the U.S. Capitol Jan. 20, 2005.*



The U.S.A. elects a president once every four years. The election is always held in November. The president-elect is usually sworn in as the president on January 20. This is called an inauguration (in-aw-gyuh-RAY-shun). It has several important parts.

First comes the oath of office. The president-elect stands on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court tells him to place his left hand on the Bible and raise his right hand. Then comes the oath. It is like a pledge. "I, (name), do solemnly swear 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." It has become tradition for each president-elect to end the oath with the words "so help me God."

Once the Chief Justice congratulates (kuhn-GRACH-uh-lates) the president, the band plays "Hail to the Chief." There is also a 21-gun salute. Then the president gives his inaugural address. This is a speech about his plans for the future of the U.S.A. After that, it's time to eat, and the president enjoys his inaugural luncheon with both houses of Congress.

The next part of the inauguration is the inaugural parade. It will feature the U.S. military corps, floats, and the president. The parade runs from the U.S. Capitol to the White House. The White House will be the president's home for as long as he is the president of the United States.

That evening there are formal parties for the president. We call them the inaugural balls. There will be a number of these celebrations. Bill Clinton's 1997 inauguration had a record of fourteen inaugural balls! People dress up in fancy gowns and tuxedos to dance. Gowns worn by wives of presidents to the inaugural balls are put on display in a museum in Washington, D.C.! The inaugural ball is a special way to honor the president of the United States.

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## Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of these occurs first on Inauguration Day?
- A. the inaugural parade
  - B. the oath of office
  - C. the inaugural address
  - D. the inaugural gala
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is a synonym for the word *oath*?
- A. pledge
  - B. address
  - C. congratulate
  - D. salute
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is an inaugural address?
- A. the president's first speech to the nation
  - B. the place where the parade starts
  - C. the location of the president's new home
  - D. all of the above
4. Where does the inaugural parade end?

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5. The inauguration of a new president of the United States usually takes place on \_\_\_\_\_.

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six plus seven equals

Write the numbers.

ten \_\_\_\_\_

sixteen \_\_\_\_\_

twenty-one \_\_\_\_\_

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ - 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$16 + 3 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

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# Patriotic Parade

It is customary for a grand parade to be part of the inaugural process! See how quickly you can spot and color in these shapes that appear in the picture.

