



Inauguration 2009
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Overview:

The South Cobb High School Marching Band is busily preparing for their appearance next week at the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. They have been working diligently ever since they were selected to play, and thanks to fundraising efforts by their local media supported by businesses, schools and celebrities, all of the members will be making the trip.

The Inauguration of our 44th U.S. President, Barack Obama, will most certainly go into the books as a truly historic event. As the nation waits and the Presidential Inauguration Committee works down to the wire with preparations, we have compiled a list of websites and resources for you to use with your students in your various classrooms.

Grade Level: All Levels (3-8)

Subject Material: Social Studies, Language Arts, Math

Standards: Included in the various lessons and activities

Classroom Activities:

Grades: 3-5

We Must Not Be Enemies: Lincoln's First Inaugural Address

Students will learn about the Constitutional requirements for inaugurations and the oath of office.

http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?ID=246

I Do Solemnly Swear: Presidential Inaugurations

Students will learn about the inauguration requirements and past ceremonies.

http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=333

Costumes for the Inaugural ball

Look at history through the lens of fashion, creating original costumes for inaugural balls throughout history.

<http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/detail/costume-for-an-inaugural-ball-lesson-plan/>

Presidents at Inauguration Graph: How Old Were They

Students graph the President's Ages When They Became President. Youngest? Oldest?

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/00-2/lp2089.shtml

Inauguration Day Worksheets

Let your students have fun working through a word search, connect the dots, missing letters worksheet, acrostic poem, word scramble, or writing prompt.

http://www.schoolfamily.com/print-and-use-tools/category/94-inauguration-day?qclid=CMKAz_iCiZgCFSIqDQod4FEzDA

Your Government, Your Voice

A language arts lesson plan that is designed to help students understand the President's responsibilities and encourage interest in civic participation. Students will read and write poetry.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3750809>

Portrait of the President

Students use current photographs to create portraits of the president.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/01-1/lp2292.shtml

Inauguration Elementary Activities: Pennsylvania Dept. of Education

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_147240_346504_0_0_18/Elementary%20Inauguration%20Lesson%20Plan%20Set%20V.1.2.pdf

Grades 5-8

Hail to the Chief: Inauguration Lessons

To further assist you in teaching about the inauguration, Education World has created ten great classroom activities. These lessons

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson219.shtml

I Do Solemnly Swear: Presidential Inaugurations

The Library of Congress has created this excellent resource that features over 400 images and 2,000 digital files related to the inaugurations of George Washington through George W. Bush (in 2001). There are video clips, references, diary entries, letters, and more.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pihome.html>

Inaugural Weather in History

Students learn fascinating facts about weather conditions during past U.S. presidential inaugurations and complete a work sheet about the information

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/01-1/lp2294.shtml

Inaugural Firsts Trivia Hunt Game

Students find fascinating firsts and facts about past U.S. presidential inaugurations and answer questions about what they learn.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/01-1/lp2293.shtml

Comparing Inaugural Addresses

Students compare and contrast inaugural addresses of past presidents of the United States.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/01-1/lp2295.shtml

C-Span in the Classroom: Inauguration

In this lesson students will learn about the inaugural addresses of these five presidents: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, George W. Bush

<http://www.c-span.org/classroom/govt/inauguration.asp>

A Brief History of Presidential Inaugurations

Through the use of historical images and interesting anecdotal information, students will learn how inaugural ceremonies have changed from modest affairs to modern extravaganzas.

http://www.whitehousehistory.org/03/subs/03_a.html

The Inauguration and the Constitution

Investigate how the Constitution outlines the presidential inauguration and how the inauguration symbolizes the transition of power in a democracy. Relate the elements of the inauguration to the powers of the president listed in the Constitution.

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/inauguration/lesson_constitution.html

Inaugural Poetry

Students compare and contrast the poems that Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, and Miller Williams wrote and read at past inaugurations.

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/01-1/lp2296.shtml

Inauguration Middle School Activities: Pennsylvania Dept. of Education

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_147240_346504_0_0_18/Elementary%20Inauguration%20Lesson%20Plan%20Set%20V.1.2.pdf

Additional Resources

PBS NewsHour Teacher Forum

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/>

Inaugural history

<http://inaugural.senate.gov/history/>

Inaugural blog

<http://www.pic2009.org/content/home>

Teachers First Resources for U.S. Presidential Inaugurations

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/getsource.cfm?id=9748>

General Inauguration Resources

http://www.uen.org/general_learner/inauguration/index.shtml

Transliteracy: A Digital Hug - A Plethora of Inaugural Sites

<http://intecnic.wordpress.com/2009/01/07/just-a-plethora-of-inauguration-sites-compiled/>