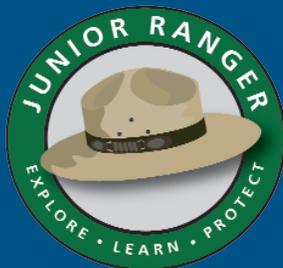




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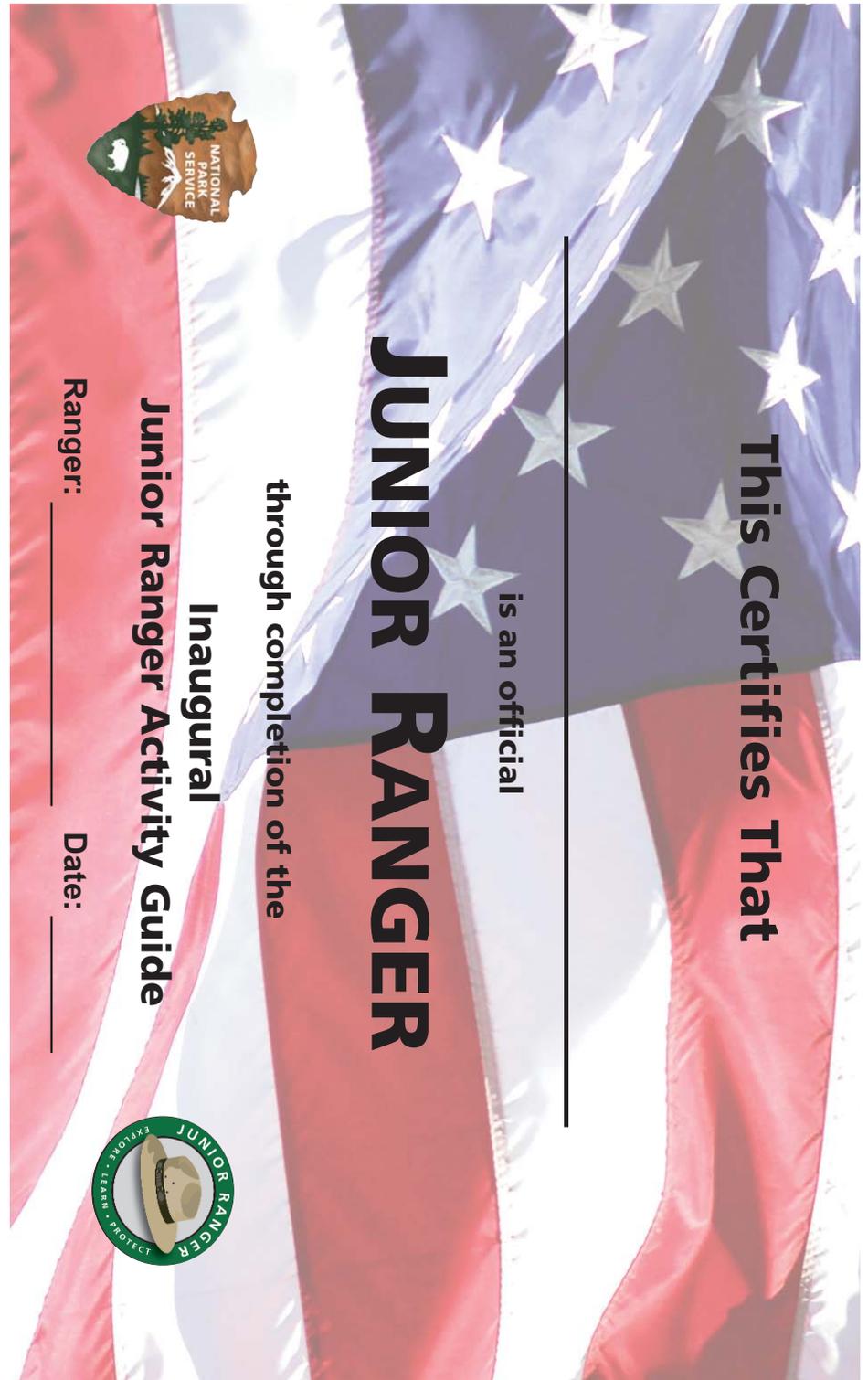
JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Welcome to President's Park!

Can you imagine becoming the new President of the United States? On January 20, 2009, the newly- elected President will take the oath of office on the Capitol steps. He'll take part in his inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House, and he'll celebrate the night away at his inaugural ball. These events have become part of our national tradition, and taken together, they demonstrate America's dedication to the peaceful transfer of power after every election.

The National Park Service plays a vital role in preserving the White House and helping to tell its important story. You will learn more about this American landmark in the pages of this Inaugural Junior Ranger Activity Guide. Do your best to complete the guide and have an adult complete the certificate on the last page of the booklet. Along the way you will find answers to questions such as: Who was the first President to be sworn in? What is the Oath of Office? In what year did the first Inaugural activities take place? You will also learn who takes care of the White House and helps make sure it will be here for future generations. In fact, as a Junior Ranger you will agree to help the National Park Service protect and take care of not only this national symbol but other special places across the nation.

We hope your Junior Ranger career will take you to each of the nearly 400 National Park Service sites, if not in person, then certainly as a WebRanger. The journey could begin soon: after you have completed this Junior Ranger Activity Guide, we invite you to complete the President's Park Junior Ranger Program. The President's Park Junior Ranger Guide will help you to find out more about the important statues, monuments, and memorials that are within a short walk from the White House. No matter where your travels as a Junior Ranger may take you, we hope the experiences you have in your National Parks continue to serve as an inspiration for others to explore, protect and learn about these treasures of our nation!



Activity Guide Answers

Inaugural Crossword

Across

1. January; 7. White House; 8. Balls; 9. Flag

Down

2. Inaugural; 3. Parade; 4. Capitol; 5. March; 6. Oath

Inaugural History Activities

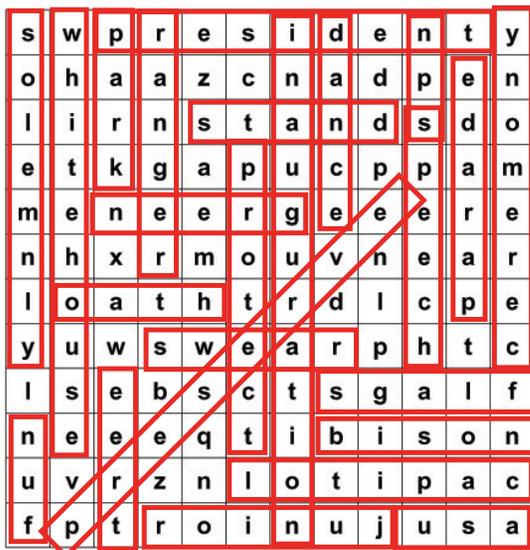
Matching

1. Truman - D; 2. Buchanan - A; 3. Polk - C; 4. McKinley - B

True or False

1. True; 2. True; 3. True; 4. True

Inaugural Word Search



Arrowhead Activities

1. - E; 2. - C; 3 - F; 4 - B; 5 - D; 6 - A

Need A Ride

1. Jefferson; 2. Harrison; 3. Lincoln; 4. Harding

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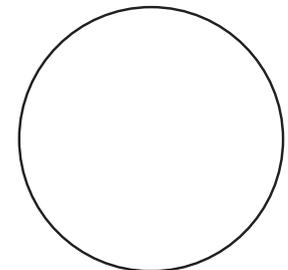
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Junior Ranger Pledge

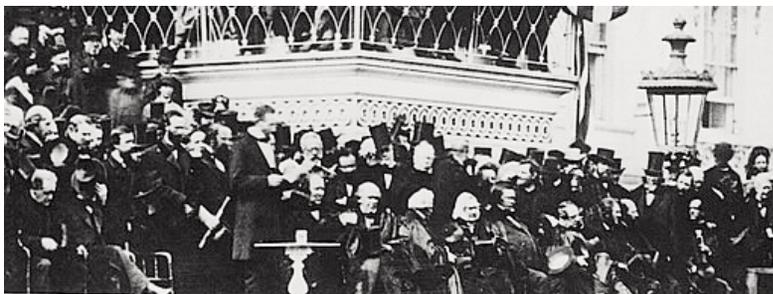
I, _____, *am proud to*
 (print your name here)
be a National Park Service Junior Ranger. I promise to appreciate, respect, and protect all National Parks. I also promise to continue learning about the landscape, plants, animals, and history of these special places. I will share what I learn with my friends and family.

 Junior Ranger Signature

 Ranger / Parent Signature



Story of the Presidential Inauguration



President Abraham Lincoln making speech at his inauguration on March 4, 1865 on the East Portico of the U.S. Capitol. *Library of Congress Prints and Photographs*

Usually the American Presidential inauguration occurs every four years and has become a spectacular day of festivities. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at noon on the West Front of the Capitol, the new president begins his own day of statesmanship, celebration, procession, feasting, and even dancing. In the more than two hundred years that we have celebrated the transition of government much has changed and been added to this full day of fun for all.

With the exception of the date and length of term, and the words of the Oath of Office: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”, the ceremony and the related festivities are based on tradition rather than law.

The Inaugural parade is the oldest and most visible way of honoring a new President. This custom dates from the earliest ceremonies in Washington, D.C. In the 19th century groups of citizens escorted the new President to and from the ceremony at the Capitol. President Jefferson walked to his induction into office, William Henry Harrison rode his horse! President Warren Harding was the first president to

Further Junior Ranger Adventures

The reviewing stand is usually seen every four years on Pennsylvania Avenue on the north of the White House. James Garfield was the first president to review the procession from a stand in the front of the White House in 1881.



In a similar way we hope that this Inaugural Junior Ranger Activity Guide will be the starting point of a lifelong journey through your National Parks. Here are just a few ways to continue the National Park Service Junior Ranger adventure!

Junior Ranger Programs

Are you interested in exploring? Do you like art, science, history or nature? How about animals, sailing ships, dinosaurs or trains? Would you like to learn more about the national parks that belong to you? Find out more about National Park Service Junior Ranger programs at: <http://www.nps.gov/learn/juniorranger.htm>

WebRanger Programs

As a WebRanger you will have one important job: to have fun while learning new things. You will solve mysteries and puzzles, play games, take part in stories, and gather secret words while exploring some of the greatest places on earth! Find out more about National Park Service WebRanger programs at: <http://www.nps.gov/webangers/>

Need A Ride?

Presidents have used many forms of transportation to arrive at the U.S. Capitol for their Inaugural Ceremony. Unscramble their names!

1. On Wednesday, March 4, 1801, our third President WALKED from a boarding house on Capitol Hill to his swearing-in ceremony escorted by members of Congress and the public.

His name was: Thomas F R E N J S F O E _____

2. Our ninth President led his own lively parade to the Capitol on his HORSE, Old Whitey, on Thursday, March 4, 1841. After the ceremony the President led the inaugural procession back to the White House.

William Henry R S O N A R I H _____
was the first President to die in office – one month later

3. Because of political turmoil, our 16th President's open CAR-RIAGE was surrounded on all sides by soldiers to protect the incoming president. Over 1,000 people marched in the pre-Inaugural procession on Monday, March 4, 1861.

Many people called him "Honest Abe" N I L C N O L

4. An AUTOMOBILE was used for the first time to transport the 29th president to the Inaugural ceremony on Friday, March 4, 1921. The Pierce- Arrow touring car was escorted by a small group of cavalry which had to gallop to stay ahead of the cars!

His name was: Warren G. G R I N D H A

ride in an automobile to his swearing in ceremony. And the crowds followed.

It did not take long for the escorts both walking and on horseback to develop into parades. The 1841 Inaugural Parade featured the first floats for the entertainment of the parade spectators. Today's parades proceed from the Capitol to the White House. In 1977, President Carter stunned the crowds along Pennsylvania Avenue by walking from the Capitol to the White House accompanied by his family. With the progression of time the parades became longer and more elaborate with at least 25,000 marchers participating in Grover Cleveland's 1885 parade which required three hours to pass the reviewing stand. As presidents chose to watch the parades, they required a suitable place to review the procession. These temporary reviewing stands have featured a variety of designs over the years. Images of early reviewing stands reveal them to be fanciful, flamboyant, bedecked with flags, swaddled in bunting and decorated with flowers and greenery. In recent times, the 1985 stand has been reassembled for the last five inaugurations!



"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."

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution

Inaugural History in Images



The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" leads every inaugural parade, a tradition begun in 1925 with the inauguration of President Calvin Coolidge. (NPS Photo)



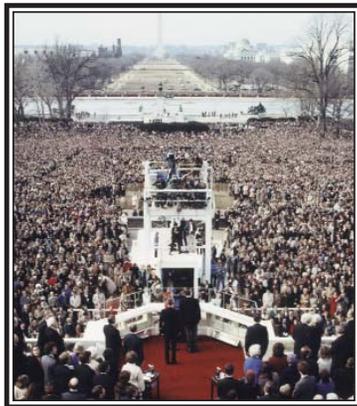
Helen Taft was the first presidential spouse to accompany her husband in the same vehicle. *Library of Congress Prints and Photographs*



In 1963 President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in on Air Force One. *Library of Congress Prints and Photographs*



Andrew Jackson was the first president to take the oath on the East Portico of the Capitol. *Library of Congress Prints and Photographs*



At his 1981 Inauguration, President Ronald Reagan was first sworn in on the West Terrace of the Capitol. *Library of Congress Prints and Photographs*

The National Park Service

National Parks are managed by the federal government, but who owns them? All Americans, even you! As a Junior Ranger, you have an important responsibility to help take care of your National Parks.

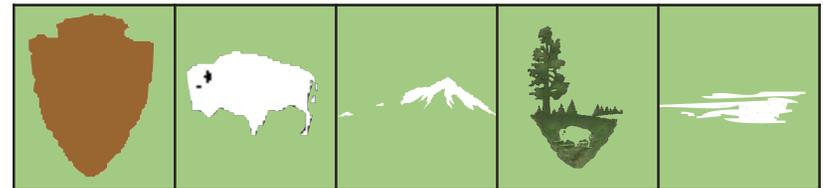
Our National Parks are set aside "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."



The National Park Service arrowhead is a symbol of stewardship – it reminds us of the reasons we protect park resources for the future.

Arrowhead Activities

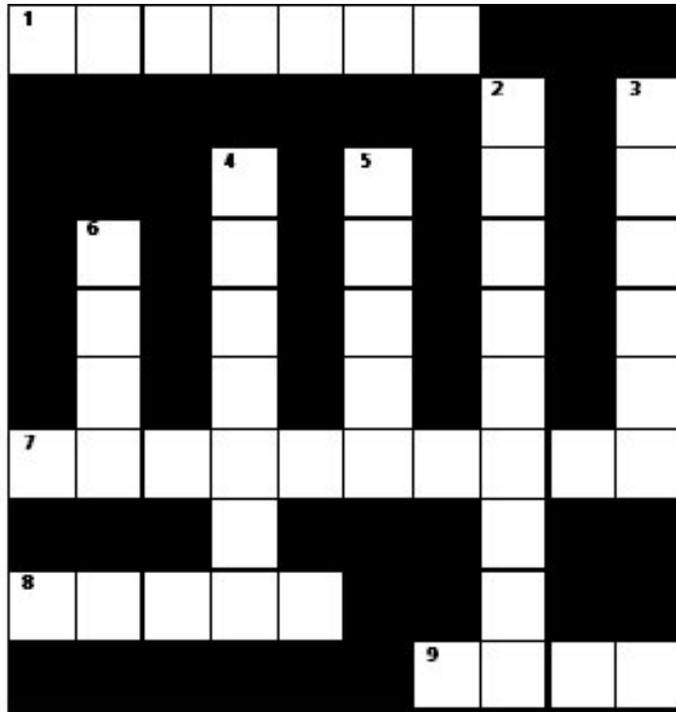
Can you find these items in the arrowhead above?



Draw a line to match each part of the Arrowhead with what it stands for.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Arrowhead | A. Wildlife |
| 2. National Park Service | B. Vegetation |
| 3. Mountain | C. U.S. Government Agency |
| 4. Sequoia Tree and Grass | D. Clean Water |
| 5. Lake | E. History and Archeology |
| 6. Bison | F. Land Formations |

Inaugural Crossword



ACROSS

1. The new president takes the Oath of Office in this month.
7. This is the official residence of the President.
8. These social events, held in the evening, welcome our new president.
9. This American symbol will fly from lamp posts and buildings along the Inaugural route.

DOWN

2. A President is sworn in at this ceremony.
3. After the ceremony, this event concludes at the White House.
4. The Inaugural ceremony takes place on the west portico of this building.
5. Before 1937, the Inaugural ceremony took place during this month.
6. While being sworn in, the President recites these 35 words.

Did You Know?

APRIL 30, 1789 - George Washington was the first to be sworn in as President of the United States. The ceremony took place on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York, New York.

MARCH 4, 1797 - John Adams was the first president to receive the oath from the Chief Justice of the United States at the House Chamber of Congress Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Oliver Ellsworth)

MARCH 4, 1801 - Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

MARCH 5, 1849 - President Zachary Taylor refused to take the inaugural oath on Inauguration Day, 1849, because it fell on a Sunday. He took the oath of office one day later on the East Portico at the U.S. Capitol.

APRIL 15, 1865 - President Andrew Johnson was sworn in at the Kirkwood Hotel located on the corner of 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

MARCH 3, 1877 - Rutherford B. Hayes was the first president to take the oath in the Red Room of the White House.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1881 - President Chester A. Arthur was sworn in privately at his residence located at 123 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1901 - President Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in at Ansley Wilcox House in Buffalo, New York. This site is now a National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historical Site.

MARCH 4, 1925 - This was the first time a former President delivered the oath of office to an incoming President. (Calvin Coolidge) Former President William H. Taft had become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court since his term in office.

JANUARY 20, 1937 - Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to be inaugurated on the January 20th date, a change made by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963 - Sarah T. Hughes, a federal judge of the Northern District of Texas, was the first female to swear in a president, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Inaugural History Activities

Draw a line to match each President with the technology and ceremony that describes each inaugural.



Harry S Truman

A. His inauguration was the first photographed. Citizens were able to share in the festivities through pictures in 1857.



James Buchanan

B. Movie cameras recorded highlights of his 1897 Inauguration, giving viewers a new window into history.



James K. Polk

C. Samuel Morse sat near him on the platform tapping out the news on his miraculous machine, the electric telegraph, in 1845.



William McKinley

D. In 1949, television audiences viewed the first live broadcast of a President taking the oath of office.

Circle whether these Inaugural facts are true or false.

- T F 1.) Inauguration Day has not always been on January 20th.
- T F 2.) George Washington was inaugurated in New York City in 1789.
- T F 3.) The inaugural parade on Pennsylvania Avenue is approximately one mile.
- T F 4.) President William Henry Harrison gave the longest Inaugural Address ever, talking almost two hours to deliver 8,445 words.

Inaugural Word Search

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o	h	a	a	z	c	n	a	d	p	e	n
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e	t	k	g	a	p	u	c	p	p	a	m
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n	h	x	r	m	o	u	v	n	e	a	r
l	o	a	t	h	t	r	d	l	c	p	e
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f	p	t	r	o	i	n	u	j	u	s	a

- Bison
- Capitol
- Ceremony
- Dance
- Flags
- Fun
- Green
- Inauguration
- Junior
- Oath
- NPS
- Parade
- Park
- Preserve
- President
- Protect
- Ranger
- Solemnly
- Speech
- Stand
- Swear
- Tree
- USA
- White House