



## Historical Inauguration Analysis

**TEACHER NOTE:** to use this resource in your classroom - click 'file' and then click 'make a copy' to create your own Google Doc version to edit as needed and share with your students.

**EXPLORATION:** View one of the following clips of past presidential inaugurations. As you view the speech, answer the following questions to explore how this speech fits into historical events occurring at this time. Students might be required to perform some outside research to complete these tasks.

### Historical Inauguration Videos

- Clip #1: [President Roosevelt 1933 Inaugural Address](#) (18:09)
- Clip #2: [President Roosevelt 1941 Inaugural Address](#) (1:07 - excerpt)
- Clip #3: [President Roosevelt 1945 Inaugural Address](#) (1:30 - excerpt)
- Clip #4: [President Truman 1949 Inaugural Address](#) (11:47)
- Clip #5: [President Eisenhower 1953 Inaugural Address](#) (2:00 - excerpt)
- Clip #6: [President Eisenhower 1957 Inaugural Address](#) (2:37 - excerpt)
- Clip #7: [President Kennedy 1961 Inaugural Address](#) (14:31)
- Clip #8: [President Johnson 1965 Inaugural Address](#) (11:15)
- Clip #9: [President Nixon 1969 Inaugural Address](#) (17:22)
- Clip #10: [President Nixon 1973 Inaugural Address](#) (16:13)
- Clip #11: [President Carter 1977 Inaugural Address](#) (14:33)
- Clip #12: [President Reagan 1981 Inaugural Address](#) (20:14)
- Clip #13: [President Reagan 1985 Inaugural Address](#) (20:48)
- Clip #14: [President George H. W. Bush 1989 Inaugural Address](#) (20:30)
- Clip #15: [President Clinton 1993 Inaugural Address](#) (14:15)
- Clip #16: [President Clinton 1997 Inaugural Address](#) (22:12)
- Clip #17: [President George W. Bush 2001 Inaugural Address](#) (14:59)

- Clip #18: [President George W. Bush 2005 Inaugural Address](#) (21:35)
- Clip #19: [President Obama 2009 Inaugural Address](#) (18:39)
- Clip #20: [President Obama 2013 Inaugural Address](#) (18:36)
- Clip #21: [President Trump 2017 Inaugural Address](#) (17:33)
- Clip #22: [President Biden 2021 Inaugural Address](#) (21:37)
- Clip #23: [President Trump 2025 Inaugural Address](#) (29:58)

President and Year of Inauguration	
What significant historic events preceded this inaugural address (i.e. wars, contested elections, national tragedies, economic events, etc.)	
What issues or topics did the president discuss?	
What promises or policy proposals did the president make?	
Describe the overall message of the inaugural address. How did this message fit the events occurring at	

that time?	
What issues did the president discuss that are still relevant today? What issues are not relevant anymore?	

**SUMMARY:** *To summarize the inaugural address, answer the following prompt in the space below.*

After viewing the speech, research the president's administration using websites like the [White House Historical Association](#) and [presidential libraries](#). Based on this research, how effective was the president at addressing the issues he discussed in his presidency? Did he keep his promises? Did he accomplish his policy goals?