



# Presidential Inauguration of The 44<sup>th</sup> U.S. President Barack Hussein Obama January 20, 2009

## Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

1. List the number of times you find the word *inauguration* in the newspaper. Break your list into two columns; one for the number of times it is used as a proper noun and one for the number of times it is used as a common noun.
2. Circle every time you find the name of President-elect Barack Obama. Circle every time you find the name of President George W. Bush. Which do you find the most often?
3. Collect all the articles you can find about Inauguration Day 2009. Then, make a list of all the historic information provided by the articles. Use your list of historic facts to start a report on the history of inaugurations.
4. Make an itinerary of inauguration events, as listed in newspaper articles including: Swearing in Ceremony, Inaugural Parade, Inaugural Ball (at least one of them) and other events that will take place over the four day event.
5. Find articles in the newspaper or online about people from your community attending the inauguration. Why are they going? What does the event mean to them? Would you like to go? Why or why not?
6. Locate and write the names of all the cartoons that mention the Inauguration. Is there anything funny about this event?
7. Clip and discuss editorials and columns several days before the Inauguration that deal with this historic event. What emotions and issues surround the inauguration?
8. Clip and discuss Letters to the Editor that deal with this historic event. What are people concerned about and why?
9. Look at the weather forecast for Inauguration Day in Washington D.C. to determine what the weather conditions will be for the parade that day. What kind of attire will attendants have to wear?
10. Look through newspaper ads to find the perfect outfit for each member of the Obama family to wear to the Inauguration Ball. Include a ball gown for Michelle Obama and party dresses for Malia and Sasha along with shoes, coats or capes, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, etc. Then find the perfect evening attire for incoming President Obama including tuxedo, shirt, cuff links, neck tie and shoes.
11. Keep track of the total expense involved in outfitting the new first family for this gala event. Do some comparison shopping between retail store ads to make sure you get the best prices on your purchases and determine the total amount of money you saved through your comparison newspaper ad shopping.