



VIRTUAL ITINERARY

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Only in Washington, DC can you experience a U.S. presidential inauguration every four years. Join us on a four-day virtual journey through the makings of the iconic occasion and watch history happen live on January 20.

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DAY 1

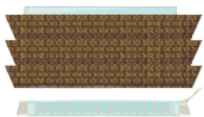


DISCOVER AMERICA'S DEMOCRACY AND THE VOTE AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY



- Watch Destination DC's [Learning on Location](#) video on voting
- Explore the museum exhibition, '[American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith](#)'
- ASSIGNMENT: Watch a video from '[Young People Shake Up Elections \(History Proves It\)](#)'. Create a video on why it is important for you to vote.

LEARN OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE



- March through the [decades of struggle](#) to achieve the Black right to vote
- Read more of the [Civil Rights Act](#) and its impact on the country
- ASSIGNMENT: Write a journal entry from the perspective of a participant during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. Why is what they did important?

CELEBRATE THE 19TH AMENDMENT AT THE BELMONT -PAUL WOMEN'S EQUALITY NATIONAL MONUMENT



- Journey through the history of the [suffrage movement](#) and women's right to vote
- ASSIGNMENT: Participate in the National Park Service [Junior Suffragist Virtual Scavenger Hunt](#).

SEE HOW ABSENTEE VOTING HAS CHANGED AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM



- Understand how the postal service helped [Civil War soldiers cast their ballots](#).
- ASSIGNMENT: [Design your own stamp](#) that shows the importance of voting.

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SCAN THE CONSTITUTION FOR INAUGURAL AMENDMENTS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM

- Read the text of the [20th Amendment](#) outlining steps for Presidential succession.
- ASSIGNMENT: Complete '[The Electoral College Process](#)' activity to understand how a President is confirmed from Election Day to Inauguration.



VISIT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON, THE HOME OF THE NATION'S FIRST PRESIDENT

- Discover how Washington began the tradition of a [two-term presidency](#).
- ASSIGNMENT: Utilize Mount Vernon's lesson plan on '[Breaking and Mending the Two-Term Precedent](#)'.



WALK THE GROUNDS OF THE FDR MEMORIAL—THE ONLY THREE-TERM PRESIDENT

- Explore [Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency](#).
- Read through the [22nd Amendment](#), which limits presidents to two terms.
- ASSIGNMENT: Write a paragraph on why you think it is important for a President to be limited to two terms.



TAKE IN THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY TRADITIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

- Familiarize yourself with the [traditional Inaugural events](#).
- Relive [past inaugurations](#) before the next historic event.

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DAY 3



HONOR PAST PRESIDENTS ON THE NATIONAL MALL



- Take a virtual tour of the National Mall with reflection stops at:
 - [Washington Monument](#)
 - [Jefferson Memorial](#)
 - [Lincoln Memorial](#)
 - [Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial](#)
- ASSIGNMENT: Which president is your favorite and why?



PAY TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. KENNEDY AT THE KENNEDY CENTER AND ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

- Participate in a [Couch Concert](#) in living memory of the 35th president with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- View the history of [JFK's burial site and memorial](#) at Arlington National Cemetery.



WALK THE TRAILS OF ROOSEVELT ISLAND

- Visit the [memorial to Teddy Roosevelt](#).
- Learn of his role in the creation of the [National Park Service](#).
- ASSIGNMENT: Send a family member or friend a [digital personalized park postcard](#).

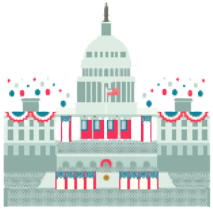


SPEND TIME WITH WOODROW WILSON AT THE WOODROW WILSON HOUSE AND THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

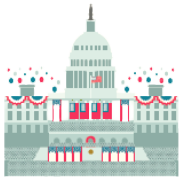
- After his presidency, Wilson continued to live in Washington, DC. Learn more of his time in office and work after through a [virtual tour of his house](#).
- Thank him for his leadership at his burial site at [The National Cathedral](#).

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DAY 4



VIEW THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL ADDRESS AT THE U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING



- Swearing-In Ceremony
 - [History](#) of the event
 - The switch from [East Front to West Front](#) of the U.S. Capitol
 - Dive into the architecture of the [stage and platform](#)
- Inaugural Address
 - Learn why the [Inaugural Address](#) is an important tradition
 - ASSIGNMENT: [Listen](#) and [read](#) about famous Inaugural Addresses. Choose one, find the transcript and re-enact on film. How did the words make you feel?



CHEER DURING THE INAUGURAL PARADE DOWN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

- Learn of the [parade significance](#).
- [Watch](#) a past Inaugural Parade.
- Hear the role of the [Marine Band](#) with a Q&A video.

ATTEND AN INAUGURAL GALA AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM



- [Dance into the history](#) of the customary event and be guided through the [ties to this iconic building](#).
- ASSIGNMENT: Take the [museum's virtual tour](#) and find a president's ball you would have liked to attend. Discuss why it is interesting.

END YOUR DAY AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY AND NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY



- Envy the fashion of the [First Ladies' ball gowns](#) at the American History Museum.
- End the celebrations at the National Portrait Gallery, site of [Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural ball](#).
 - View the nation's presidents in the [Presidential Portraits](#) gallery.