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2009 Inauguration Sermons and Orations Project Collection
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/eadafc.af013008

All Things Presidential, LCM, vol. 6 No. 1: Jan.-Feb. 2017,

Broadsides and Other Printed Ephemera
https://www.loc.gov/collections/broadsides-and-other-printed-ephemera/about-this-collection/

Classroom Materials: Inauguration Traditions
http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/inaug/


Maps, https://www.loc.gov/maps/?q=maps+inaugurations


Newspapers online—Chronicling America, http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

Pictures and Portraits, http://www.loc.gov/pictures
Inaugurations, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/search/?q=inaugurations+united+states&st=gallery

Poetry and the Presidential Inauguration
https://blogs.loc.gov/catbird/2017/01/poetry-and-the-presidential-inauguration/
Presidential Inauguration Treasures
Selections from the Library of Congress Collections

Oath of Office

“I Do Solemnly Swear …”—Oath of Office in the U.S. Constitution
Laws, etc. (Acts passed at the First Congress of the United States of America)
New-York: Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine ..., [1789]
Rare Book Collection, Law Library, https://lccn.loc.gov/73223556

George Washington

“A Culprit Who is Going to the Place of his Execution”
George Washington to Henry Knox, April 1, 1789
George Washington Papers, Manuscript Division (MSS), https://www.loc.gov/resource/mgw2.022/?sp=54

“The Requisite Preparations Cannot Probably be Made Before Thursday Next”
Report of the Committee of Congress Respecting the Time of the Inauguration ..., April 25, 1789

“The Sacred Fire of Liberty”
George Washington, First Inaugural Address, New York, April 30, 1789
George Washington Papers, MSS, http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tr00.html#obj21

“The Leveled Cannon or Pointed Musket”
William Maclay, Journal, April 30, 1789

Thomas Jefferson

“We are all Republicans, we are all Federalists”
Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address, Delivered March 4, 1801. First known draft, undated, with annotations
Thomas Jefferson Papers, MSS, https://www.loc.gov/item/pin0404/

Jefferson’s Inaugural Address on Satin
Speech Delivered at his Instalment, March 4, 1801.
Philadelphia: Mathew Carey, 1801, Rare Book and Special Collections Division (RBSCD)

Abraham Lincoln

Bible Used in Lincoln’s Inauguration, March 4, 1861
Bible. Authorized. 1853

Mary Todd Lincoln's Seed-pearl Necklace and Matching Bracelets, Worn at Inaugural Ball, 1861
Made by Tiffany, New York City, 1860
Gift of Mary Lincoln Isham. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/scsm001298/

Mary Todd Lincoln Wearing the Pearls, 1861

“I Therefore Consider that the Union is Unbroken”
Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address, First Printed Draft, With revisions in Lincoln's hand, January-February 1861, page 4. Abraham Lincoln Papers, Manuscript Division
http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal1/076/0769400/malpage.db&recNum=3
Arrangements for the Lincoln Inauguration
Washington: Committee of Arrangements, 1861
Printed Ephemera Collection. RBSCD,
http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbpebib:@field(NUMBER+@band(rbpe+20401000))

Dance Card for Lincoln's Inaugural Ball
Washington, D.C.: Philp & Solomons, Booksellers, March 4, 1861
Printed Ephemera Collection. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/scsm000558/

Lincoln Delivering His Second Inaugural Address
Photograph by Alexander Gardner, March 4, 1865
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2009633604/

Inaugural Address of Abraham Lincoln
Philadelphia: Jas. B. Rodgers, printer, 1865
Printed Ephemera Collection. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/rbpe.15900100/

Bill of Fare for a Lincoln Inauguration Ball
Washington, D.C.: G.A. Balzer, March 6, 1865
Stern Collection of Lincolniana. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/scsm000830

Inauguration Souvenirs and Parade Maps

Inaugural Ball for William Henry Harrison
Baltimore: Murphy [1841]
Printed Ephemera Collection. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/2009655205/

Inauguration Day Pass—Ulysses S. Grant
Washington: Philp & Solomons, 1869
Printed Ephemera Collection. RBSCD, https://www.loc.gov/item/rbpe.2050400e/

Parade Map: March 4, 1889—Benjamin Harrison
Map of the city of Washington: souvenir of March 4th, 1889, with compliments of The Evening Star.
Geography & Map Division, http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3851e.ct004642

Parade Map: March 5, 1917—Woodrow Wilson
Map of the city of Washington, inaugural ceremonies, March 5th, 1917
Geography & Map Division, http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3851e.ct004639

U.S. Capitol Views – Site of Most Inaugurations

U.S. Capitol Plan, with Library of Congress and “Grand Vestibule Hall of Inauguration,” 1817
Original architectural drawing by Benjamin Henry Latrobe.
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001697321/

U. S. Capitol Was Still Under Construction for the First Inauguration in D. C.
Original watercolor by William Birch, ca. 1800
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004661947/

Completed U.S. Capitol—First Used for Andrew Jackson’s Inauguration, 1829
Engraving by C.G. Childs, from drawing by architect Charles Bulfinch
Philadelphia: Jacob Maas, Franklin Engraving Office, 1829
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2012647320/
U.S. Capitol, east front elevation, ca. 1846
Daguerreotype by John Plumbe
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004664419/

View of Washington, 1852
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98515951/

View of Washington City, 1871
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2006678345/

Aerial View of the Capitol, Inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt, 1933
Photograph from Architect of the Capitol
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/00650972

First inauguration on the west front of the U.S. Capitol, January 20, 1981—Ronald Reagan
Photograph from Architect of the Capitol.
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/00652323/

Aerial view of the U.S. Capitol, ca. 2000, with Library of Congress in left foreground
Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith
Prints & Photographs Division, http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2011634040

Film Clips
William McKinley, 25th President
Second Inauguration – March 4, 1901. Motion Picture, Broadcasting & Recorded Sound Division (MBRS)
https://www.loc.gov/item/mp76000380/

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President
Inauguration – March 4, 1905 (MBRS)

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President
Newsreel footage with first radio broadcast of an inauguration. March 4, 1925 (MBRS)

Herbert Hoover, 31st President
Motorcade to inauguration – March 4, 1929 (MBRS)

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President
Inauguration – March 4, 1933 (MBRS)

Harry S. Truman, 33rd President
First television broadcast of an inauguration – January 20, 1949 (MBRS)

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President
Inauguration – January 20, 1953 (MBRS)

John F. Kennedy, 35th President
First color television broadcast on an inauguration – January 20, 1961 (MBRS)

Ronald Reagan, 40th President
First inauguration from West Front of the Capitol – January 20, 1981 (MBRS)

George H. W. Bush, 41st President
Inauguration – January 20, 1989 (MBRS)
Barack Obama, 44th President
Inauguration – January 20, 2009 (MBRS)

Newspapers
Chronicling America (Historic American Newspapers), http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

Inauguration of Thomas Jefferson in Washington, DC, 1801

Inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, 1917

Inauguration of Ronald Reagan on the West Front of the Capitol, 1981

General Collections
Library of Congress Online Catalog - Contains 17 million catalog records for books, serials, manuscripts, maps, music, recordings, images, and electronic resources in the Library of Congress collections. https://catalog.loc.gov/ The subject headings to identify relevant titles include:
- Inauguration Day
- Presidents--United States--Inaugural addresses
- Presidents--United States--Inauguration

Resource Guides
This Web guide highlights approximately 400 items, including diaries and letters by presidents and those who witnessed the inaugurations, handwritten drafts of inaugural addresses, broadsides, inaugural tickets and programs, prints, photographs, and sheet music from the Library of Congress collections. Also features fascinating facts. Humanities & Social Sciences Division, https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/inaugurations/index.html

Presidential Food: Selected Resource Guide

Inauguration Traditions: Classroom Materials for Teachers
Taking a close look at the moments in which these leaders first took office can provide rich opportunities to investigate the history of the United States as it has changed over the centuries. It can also provide unique insights into these remarkable individuals as they first stepped into history. Education Outreach, https://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/inaug/

Activities for Kids & Families
https://www.loc.gov/visit/activities-for-kids-and-families/

I Spy at the Library: U.S. Presidential History (new activity sheet, printed)
Young Readers Center, http://www.read.gov/ycr/