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SCS Social Studies Resources for the Presidential Inauguration

The SCS (Shelby County Schools) Social Studies team is aware that many teachers may want to share the experience of the Inauguration next week with their students, and we want to offer some resources for lesson plans and best practices around the Inauguration. While all grades may not have a correlating standard concerning the Inauguration, there is ample support in the Social Studies Practices for viewing the Inauguration. The K-12 Social Studies Practices are a part of the TN Academic Standards for Social Studies and can be viewed [here](#) for reference. In order to align with the demands and rigor of the Social Studies Practices, students must have the opportunity to engage in exploration of sources about the Inauguration process and/or demonstrate historical awareness about the event.

With reports of possible violence during inauguration week, educators are reminded that if necessary, they can leverage their training for social-emotional learning and that our [January 6th, 2021](#) document also contains resources on how to address traumatic events in their classrooms. We encourage educators to use discretion while discussing these events and remember to adhere to our district policies.



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Resources

Click on the title of a resource to go to the webpage/file described.

6-12 | [Bill of Rights Institute Lesson on the History of Inaugurations](#)

This lesson incorporates excerpts and images from the inaugurations of Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and George W. Bush.

K-12 | [Education World Inauguration Day Activities](#)

This resource provides activities and lesson ideas across grades K-12, with recommended grades listed next to each activity.

6-12 | [iCivics—The First 100 Days Lesson](#)

This lesson describes the historical importance of a president's first 100 days in office. It requires a login from a free account to download materials.

8-12 | [National Archives—Exploring the Electoral Process from Election Day to Inauguration Day](#)

This lesson sequences primary sources so that students will learn the steps from the Electoral Process through to Inauguration Day.

K-12 | [NEA Inauguration Day Activities](#)

This website houses an index of activities and resources for teaching Inauguration Day to grades K-12, with the specific recommended grades listed for each resource.

K-12 | [NEH Inauguration Article with Guiding Questions and Activities](#)

This lesson provides an overview of the oath of office, historical examples from past inaugurations, and the general purpose of inauguration.

K-12 | [Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies](#)

This site houses an index of information about inaugural events and past inaugural ceremonies.

5-12 | [“I do solemnly swear...” Inaugural Materials from the Collections of the Library of Congress](#)

Contains primary source documents and information on eighteen presidential inaugurations.

K-12 | [Teaching Tolerance – Countdown to January 20](#)

This resource was developed for the 2016 election but offers strategies and activities for how to discuss inaugurations in the classroom.

6-12 | [C-SPAN Classroom – Lesson Plan – Inauguration Day](#)

This lesson was prepared for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration and contains videos from the 2013 Inauguration of President Barak Obama and Joe Biden along with a video explaining the preparations for President Donald Trump’s inauguration.

5-12 | [C-SPAN Classroom – Lesson Plan: 2021 Joe Biden Inauguration Viewing Guides](#)

In addition to resources and activities for inauguration day, this lesson includes an analysis of the inaugural addresses of Presidents Lincoln, Roosevelt, Kennedy, Reagan, Bush, and Obama.

6-12 | [ADL – 7 Ideas for Teaching About the Presidential Inauguration](#)

This resource was created for grades 6-12 and contains instructions for seven different activities that could be implemented related to the inauguration.

5-12 | [NCBLA – Great Presidential Inauguration Websites](#)

Index of resources that include links to text and video excerpts of all presidential inaugurations. Sections include historic presidential inauguration websites and web articles, presidential inaugural speech websites and web articles, lesson plans and teacher resources, and presidential inauguration quizzes.