



## How to...

# Share your hopes for America

As the US prepares to swear in its next President, be inspired by these historic words from past inaugurations.

On Inauguration Day on Monday, January 20, Donald Trump will be sworn into office as the 47th President of the United States. (Trump was also the 45th President, from 2017 to 2021.) Since George Washington in 1789, US Presidents have delivered an important speech called an inaugural address. The new President often uses the address to express their vision for the future of America. At past inaugurations, guest speakers have also shared

inspiring words. Please see below for a selection of famous quotes from past Presidential inaugurations.

As a reader of *The Week Junior*, you may have thoughts about America's future. We invite you to use the form at right to write them down. You can do this for yourself—or, if you'd like to share your form with *The Week Junior*, ask an adult to email it to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Extra forms can be found at [kids.theweekjunior.com/activities](https://kids.theweekjunior.com/activities).

**"Here, on the pulse of this new day, you may have the grace to look up and out and into your sister's eyes, and into your brother's face, your country and say simply, very simply with hope—good morning."**

—Poet Maya Angelou, Bill Clinton's 1993 inauguration

**"Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."**

—John F. Kennedy, 1961

**"We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we're in a time when there are not heroes, they just don't know where to look."**

—Ronald Reagan, 1981

**"When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it."**

—Poet Amanda Gorman, Joe Biden's 2021 inauguration

**"I do not fear what is ahead. For our problems are large, but our heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater."**

—George H. W. Bush, 1989

**"On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord."**

—Barack Obama, 2009



# How to...



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What do you love most about America and why?

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If you could describe America in three words, which words would you choose?

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What are some of the hopes you have for our country in 2025 and in the future?

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Draw a picture of what America looks like to you.

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