

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY

Obama Inauguration Plans Celebrate America's Diversity

12/23/08

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/july-dec08/inauguration_12-23.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How many people are expected on the parade route?

2. When does President elect Barack Obama become president?

3. Who swears in President Obama? Who swears in Vice President Biden?

4. Where do the president and vice president go after the inauguration speech? Why is it noteworthy?

5. Who is giving the opening prayer? Why is it controversial?

6. Name at least three other people speaking or performing at the inauguration.

7. Who was the first president to include African Americans in the inauguration? Who was the first president to include women?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Some experts think this may be the largest inauguration yet, why do you think there is so much excitement around the Obama inauguration?

2. What do you think of President-elect Obama's decision to include Rick Warren?

3. What do you think the themes of Obama's speech will be?

4. Extra credit: will you be at inauguration? Are you watching it from your home? Write up a personal essay about your inauguration experience and send it to us at extra@newshour.org