



1776

1789

First Inaugural
George Washington

1801

First Inaugural in Washington, D.C.
Thomas Jefferson

1841

First Inaugural for a President who arrived to Washington, D.C. by train
William Harrison

1845

First Inauguration covered by telegraph
James K. Polk

1853

First President to recite his Inaugural speech entirely from memory
Franklin Pierce

1857

First Inauguration known to have been photographed
James Buchanan

1905

First time telephone lines were installed at the U.S. Capitol for an Inauguration
Theodore Roosevelt

1917

First Inaugural parade to include women
Woodrow Wilson

1925

First Inaugural ceremony broadcast nationally by radio
Calvin Coolidge

1927

First President inaugurated under the 20th Amendment
Franklin D. Roosevelt

1949

First televised Inaugural ceremony
Harry S. Truman

1961

First time a poet participated in the Inaugural program
John F. Kennedy

1963

First and only time a President took the oath of office on an airplane
Lyndon B. Johnson

1997

First Inaugural ceremony broadcast live on the Internet
Bill Clinton

2009

First African American to hold office of President of the United States
Barack Obama

2017

A First Time For Everything Quiz

Put your knowledge of Inaugurations and American Presidents to the test. We've charted a timeline of the years along The National Mall to include the inaugurations from Washington to Obama – your challenge is to name the president that matches the Inaugural 'first'!

Bonus round! How many of the 13 monuments and museums along The National Mall can you name?

Keep the fun to yourself, or print it out and forward it along to your students, friends, or fellow history buffs.

Monuments and museums

1. U.S. Capitol
2. National Gallery of Art
3. National Air and Space Museum
4. National Museum of Natural History
5. National Museum of American History
6. Washington Monument
7. Thomas Jefferson Memorial
8. World War II Memorial
9. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
10. Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial
11. Vietnam Veterans Memorial
12. Korean War Veterans Memorial
13. Lincoln Memorial

