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On January 20th, Barack Obama will be sworn into office as the 44th President of the United States of America. Nearly 2 million people are expected to witness the inauguration in Washington D.C. – a record-setting attendance!

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George Washington's was the shortest inaugural address at 135 words. (1793)

The first inaugural ball was held for James Madison. (1809)

Abraham Lincoln was the first to include African-Americans in his parade. (1865)

William McKinley's inauguration was the first ceremony to be recorded by a motion picture camera. (1897)

Women were included for the first time in Woodrow Wilson's second inaugural parade. (1917)

Warren G. Harding was the first president to ride to and from his inaugural in an automobile. (1921)

Lyndon Johnson was the first (and so far only) president to be sworn in by a woman, U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes. (1963)

The first ceremony to be broadcast on the Internet was Bill Clinton's second inauguration. (1997)



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