

The Week Junior Teacher's Guide

In this issue we will learn about the transfer of power and the ways that this year's inauguration will be different than inaugurations in the past. Students will discuss and debate the issue of whether or not winter is better than summer. Finally, take a sneak peak inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and discover a few of the ways the First Family has fun in the White House.



This week at a glance

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2	Inauguration Set for Biden and Harris	Describe the illustration. What story does the illustration tell? Be sure to explain your response.	News
4	President Trump Impeached for a Second Time	Explain the three branches of government. Why are there three different branches of government? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	News
8	Is Winter Better than Summer	Do you think winter is better than summer? Be sure to explain your opinion.	The Big Debate
12	The Heart and Home of Our Nation	After reading the article, write three fun facts you learned about The White House.	All About
20	A Nature Series Gets Funny	What is the author's purpose for writing the article? Name three animals that will appear on this show.	Arts & Entertainment

THIS WEEK'S BIG DEBATE:

SOME PEOPLE LOVE A COZY, COLD WINTER, BUT OTHERS PREFER THE WARM DAYS OF SUMMER.

YES - winter is the happiest season | **NO** - you can't beat summer sunshine

ACTIVITY:

1. Use chart paper and draw a large Venn Diagram. Label one side summer and one side winter.
2. Engage students in a discussion about reasons why winter is better than summer and why summer is better than winter. Chart the responses.
3. Students will write a 5 paragraph essay based on their argument for or against. Essays should include three reasons and each reason should be explained with evidence and examples. Encourage students to conduct further research to support their argument.

Have your students visit theweekjunior.com/polls to vote. We'll publish the results next week.

What you need to know?

- The summer of 2020 was the fourth hottest summer on record in the US. Phoenix, Arizona, had its hottest month ever recorded in August, with an average temperature of 99.1F.
- The Farmers' Almanac predicts a longer, colder winter this year, with more snowfall than last winter.
- The longest daylight hours in the US take place in summer, usually on or around June 21. The shortest daylight hours are in winter, usually on or around December 21.

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This week's big news

Inauguration Set for Biden and Harris

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Lets Discuss

1. What is an inauguration? Explain what happens on inauguration day. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. Explain how and why this year's inauguration will be different from previous inaugurations. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. What evidence from the text proves that Washington, DC is on high alert?

Vocabulary

Inauguration
Spectators
National Mall

TWJ Kids take action

In school or remote

Pretend you are the President-elect. Write a diary entry about your Inauguration Day. Consider the following questions: **1.** What message would you share with Americans? **2.** What special monuments would you visit in Washington, D.C.? **3.** Who would you like to join you in the Inaugural parade?

President Trump Impeached for a Second Time

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Lets Discuss

1. What is an impeachment? Explain the responsibilities of the House and the Senate during an impeachment. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. Explain why President Trump was impeached for a second time? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. If you were going to write a new title for this article, what would it be? What details in the text gave you the idea for the title?

Vocabulary

Impeach
Insurrection
Checks and Balances

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1. Interview a peer and ask them what they found most interesting about the article and what they would like to learn more about? Students can draw an illustration with a caption or write a paragraph to explain their interview findings.

Last Week's Poll:

Last week we asked you if homework should be eliminated. Most of you said yes, but quite a few of you thought it serves a useful purpose.

Virtual Activity

Share your screen and invite students to listen to an [Inauguration Day](#) read-aloud. As a whole group or in breakout rooms, have students answer the following reflection questions: **1.** What makes the United States of America a unique country? **2.** Explain what happens during an inauguration ceremony. **3.** Of the information that you learned, which would you like to share with someone else?

Brain Booster

1. Read the article, Create A Vision Board, on page 24.
2. Create your own vision board by following these simple steps:

Step 1: Set 2-3 goals that you would like to achieve this year

Step 2: Choose a piece of paper big or small

Step 3: Cut out and glue down pictures, words, stickers, or drawings that relate to your goal

Step 4: Hang your vision board

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