**We the People**

**“The Executive Branch - Inauguration Day Project - January 20, 2020”**

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Please respond to the following per the wording of the U.S. Constitution - use the website below for a link to the U.S. Constitution:

<https://www.heritage.org/constitution/#!/amendments/20/essays/182/presidential-terms>

1. Who is being sworn in as President and Vice President of the United States today?
2. Describe two specific ways today’s inauguration is unique historically.
3. Who will be swearing in president-elect Biden and vice-president-elect Harris today with the “Oath of Office?” (Either watch the ceremony or look it up)
4. According to Article II, Section 1, Clause 1, the president’s term is how many years?
5. Which amendment to the Constitution limits the president to a maximum of ten years?
6. Which amendment sets January 20th as the date for inauguration?
7. Article II, Section 1, Clause 7, says that the pay of the president “shall neither be increased nor diminished” during his continuance in office. Explain the significance of this clause.
8. Where in the Constitution is the presidential “Oath of Office?”

 Article \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_, Clause \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fill in the blanks below:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution of the United States.”

1. Read Article II, Section 4… based upon the wording of this clause, do you think the Senate should move forward with the impeachment trial, even after President Trump is out of office? Explain briefly.
2. According to Article I, Section 2, Clause 5, who has the “sole power of impeachment?”
3. What does it mean to “impeach?”
4. How many presidents, including President Trump, have been impeached by the House?
5. How many presidents have been impeached by the House and convicted/removed by the Senate?
6. Why do you think the Founding Fathers placed this power of impeachment in the lower house of Congress instead of the Senate?
7. According to Article I, Section 3, Clause 7, what are the two potential punishments for a president convicted by the Senate on impeachment charges?
8. According to Article I, Section 3, Clause 7, does being impeached and convicted by Congress and the Senate preclude future lawsuits against the president?
9. Why are some arguing that Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment should be applied against President Trump?
10. Take a few minutes to review the actual speech given by President Trump in D.C. Wednesday, January 6, 2020:

 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/politics/fact-checking-trumps-jan-6-speech-to-stop-the-steal-protesters/2021/01/06/7037b1ec-3a64-4f3a-83ee-d21764b3f40f_video.html>

1. In your opinion, do his words reach the level of “inciting an insurrection?” In other words, were his words directly responsible for the violence that ensued at the Capitol that day? Please explain your answer in a paragraph.