

## **NEWSPAPER ACTIVITIES**

### **Inauguration ceremony**

On January 20th, Barack Obama will take the oath of office and become the 44th president of the United States. Read news stories about the inauguration ceremony. Based on what you read, answer the following questions: What oath does the president take during the ceremony? What important official asks the president to take this oath? Where did the ceremony take place? About how many people were there?

### **Time capsule**

Imagine you are in charge of preparing a time capsule that will be opened in 200 years. A good time capsule should give people living in the future an idea of what life was like when the time capsule was made. Using the advertisements in your newspaper, select five things you think are important to people today. Find things that you think would tell people of the future something about the world we live in now. Attach a paragraph to each item you clip out, explaining why it would go in your time capsule.

### **Teams across the United States**

Using the sports section of your newspaper, cut out the names of all the sports teams you find. Tape them to a map of the United States in the states where they are located.

## **WRITING ACTIVITY**

### **Use your thesaurus**

Peter Mark Roget, who wrote "Roget's Thesaurus," was born on January 18th, 1779. Clip an interesting newspaper article and circle five to ten words that are important in describing what happened in the story. Then find synonyms for those words in a thesaurus. Rewrite the story, substituting the synonyms for the original words. Compare the new and old stories to see which sounds better.

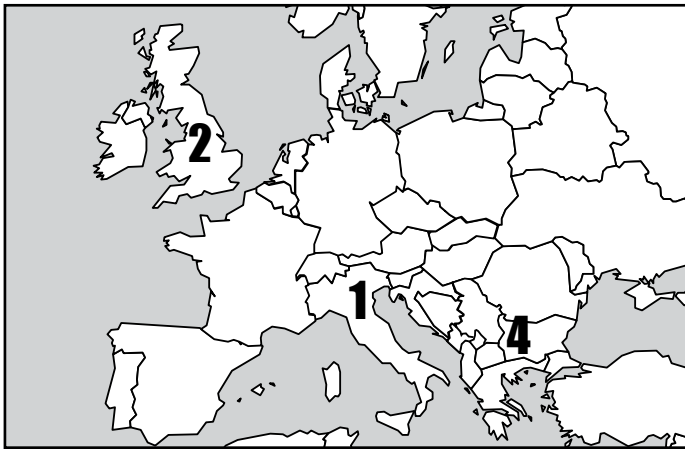
# WHERE IN THE WORLD?

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Write the names and numbers of the locations on the map next to their descriptions below.

- a. George W. Bush is moving to this U.S. state.
- b. The inauguration of Barack Obama takes place in this U.S. city.
- c. The city of Pompeii is in this European country.
- d. Queen Victoria was the monarch of this European country.
- e. Ukraine is involved with a dispute over gas prices with this Eurasian nation.
- f. This European country is on the Black Sea.

Answers on inside back cover





## Word Search

In observance of Inauguration Day, this week's word search contains the names of twelve former Commanders-in-Chief.

CLEVELAND  
COOLIDGE  
EISENHOWER  
FILLMORE  
GRANT  
JACKSON

LINCOLN  
MCKINLEY  
POLK  
TRUMAN  
VAN BUREN  
WASHINGTON

*Solution on inside back cover*

O I T H E V E G F I L L M O R E S C A  
R C I R E S R R I A E I L S L S A A E  
N T C O O L I D G E T N G I U N S D P  
L B G K O L E E T Y I C R O C T M O B  
H U W S C E E R S N O O C O H T C E U  
O S A I T S I I A H N L V I I O K V N  
N O S W J A C K S O N N A T M C I N S  
E U H T T A R A B R S L T R P A N S E  
B T I A R R I S O R M T E U T D L I N  
O D N T R E G R Y V T I C M O U E N A  
R W G C L E V E L A N D N A N Q Y G S  
E A T M L O A T O D O E E N I G R I E  
N E O A A N N B T B S O D E M C N N E  
H P N L I E B R E I S E N H O W E R G  
A O O I D G U L C G Y B N K R K O R G  
U L E N I V R K B E N G R A N T S O W  
T K N G T O E T E N P N R G E A V N L  
H O O E R B N E P I U U X G O S O G I

## Answers to Where in the World:

a-3, Texas; b-5, Washington, D.C.; c-1, Italy;  
d-2, United Kingdom; e-6, Russia; f-4, Bulgaria

## Solution to Word Search:

O I T H E V E G F I L L M O R E S C A  
R C I R E S R R I A E I L S L S A A E  
N T C O O L I D G E T N G I U N S D P  
L B G K O L E E T Y I C R O C T M O B  
H U W S C E E R S N O O C O H T C E U  
O S A I T S I I A H N L V I I O K V N  
N O S W J A C K S O N N A T M C I N S  
E U H T T A R A B R S L T R P A N S E  
B T I A R R I S O R M T E U T D L I N  
O D N T R E G R Y V T I C M O U E N A  
R W G C L E V E L A N D N A N Q Y G S  
E A T M L O A T O D O E E N I G R I E  
N E O A A N N B T B S O D E M C N N E  
H P N L I E B R E I S E N H O W E R G  
A O O I D G U L C G Y B N K R K O R G  
U L E N I V R K B E N G R A N T S O W  
T K N G T O E T E N P N R G E A V N L  
H O O E R B N E P I U U X G O S O G I

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