

President Barack Obama
Inaugural address
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1. List the three parallel verbs in the first sentence. List a synonym for each. What impression of Obama do you have from these three words?

2. Find four related images in the second paragraph. What do you think was the purpose in this imagery? What effect does this imagery have?

3. List the issues Obama claims our nation now faces.

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4. In the first half of page two, describe the type of person Obama says will help our nation "begin again the work of remaking America." Do you agree with this assessment?

5. In the next-to-last paragraph, list three responsibilities Obama claims public officials have.

6. In the same paragraph, Obama states an essential question. What is your opinion about this question?
