Obama inaugural address

The time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

(APPLAUSE)

For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life. For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West, endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth.

For us, they fought and died in places Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sanh.

Time and again these men and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction.

(APPLAUSE)

For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness.

Obama’s Inaugural Address

General comprehension / 5

1) Wherewas the speech delivered? / 1

- New York

-Washington

-Chicago

- Houston

2) Whenwas the videoshot and on what occasion? / 2

3) Whattitle best suitsObama's inaugural address? Justifyyouranswer in a few words. / 2

-Free at last!

-Americans are childish

-Let us praytogether

-Together, forever

-Let's not forgetourhistory

-Let'smakeamends

-The USA are the mostpowerful country in the world

**Detailedcomprehension / 15**

**Part 1**

1) Choose the best synonyms for the followingwords: / 2.5

* bestowed:  understood / seen / given / decided
* still:  always / calm / rough / liquid
* amidst:  above / before / among / because of
* carried on:  continued / changed / grown / won
* forbearers:  workers / ancestors / soldiers / friends

2) RIGHT or WRONG? Justifyyouranswerquotingfrom the video. / 2

a) Obama reproacheshispredecessorwith not beingveryhelpfulwhenheleft.

b) There werefourty-four American presidentsbefore Obama.

3) According to Obama, who and what has made America as itistoday?/ 1

**Part 2**

 1) Usingyourpersonalknowledge of American history and the second part of the speech, match the followingquotes with historicallandmarks: / 3.5

-Theypacked up their few worldly possessions and travelledacrossoceans

-Theytoiled in sweatshops

-Settled the West

-Endured the lash of the whip

-Concord

-Gettysburg

-Normandy

-KheSanh

Illegal immigrants

Vietnam

Slavery

Immigration

War of Independence

Civil War

Second World War

4) At the end of part 2, whatmakesAmerica a united country according to Obama?  /1

**Part 3**

1) RIGHT or WRONG? Justifyyouranswerquotingfrom the video. / 5

a) According to Barack Obama, it's hard to have unity in the USA because of all the differentorigins

b) Obama points out thatracismstillexiststoday

c) Obama'sfatherwasactually white

d) US citizens must not look back athistory

e) US citizens must bestrong