

FDR: Inaugural Address Character Analysis



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Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933-1945



FDR's Character & Beliefs



- Character, personality and personal beliefs become evident through speeches and writing.
- Primary source documents can provide introspect to the true nature of historical figures.

Listen to FDR's speech during his January 11th, 1944 Fireside Chat...



Recovery Relief Reform

Focus Question



What character traits and personal beliefs did FDR exhibit in the Fireside Chat?



Expert Groups



1. Read the assigned inaugural address.
2. Underline important statements and key ideas.
3. In your expert group, fill in the worksheet provided using evidence from the speech to support your statements.



Learning Groups



1. Each group member should share the main ideas and key points of their assigned inaugural address.
2. All group members should fill in their worksheet as each “expert” is discussing their inaugural address.
3. As questions and try to obtain the most information from each “expert.”

Share Your Group's Thoughts



What common character traits or personal beliefs does FDR exhibit across all of his speeches?



Grab Your Stamps (and time machine)



If you had been present for one of FDR's inaugural addresses, what information would you tell your family and friends about his character and personality traits? What would you have said about his message and personal goals for the country?

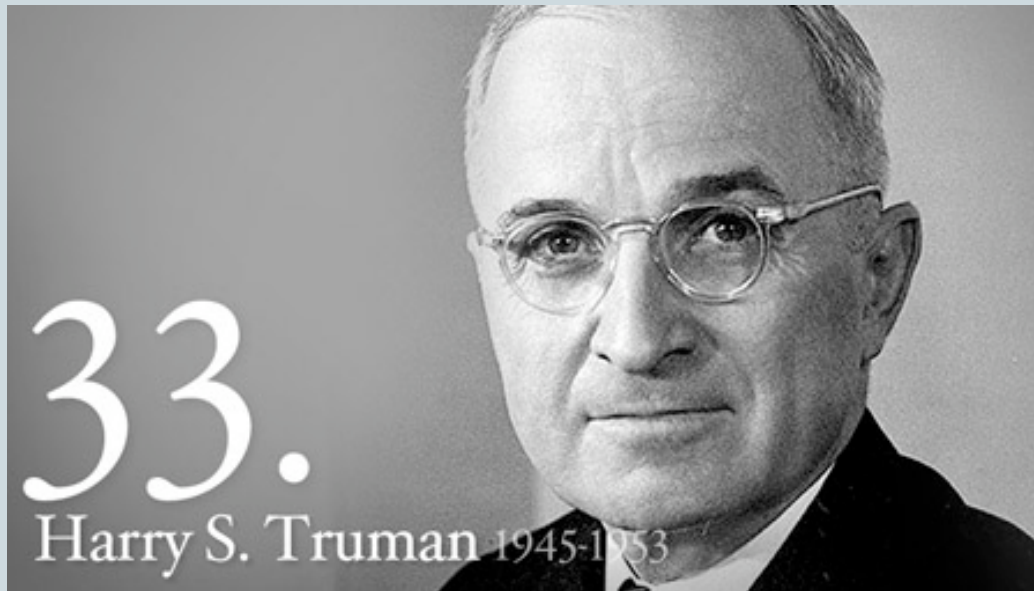
- Write a 3-paragraph letter
- Use evidence from the speech
- Use your previous knowledge of that time period
- Date your letter
- The postman will pick-up in 6 minutes



Next Class...



Harry S. Truman



HW: Read Document 1
Truman Potsdam Conference Journal Entries