

# Inauguration 2017



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# Pre-Trip

We met 2-4 times a month during AT or after school.

We established clear guidelines and expectations for our discussions which carried throughout the course and allowed us to respectfully participate in political discourse.

- Analysis of the debates
  - Each student watched the debate and contributed to a live discussion document on google drive sharing our thoughts and reactions.
- Discussion on current news and events and how it impacted the presidential candidates and their political formats.
- Personal research projects

# Debate Notes

- **What are you learning about the candidates or issues that you didn't know before?**

Trump wants to lower taxes on businesses from 35% to 15% - CC

Clinton supports raising the minimum wage-ZS

Both candidates support economic isolation in terms of keeping manufacturing jobs in America and introducing an exit tax on businesses which leave the US for cheaper labor - SC

It's very important to Trump that Secretary Clinton is extremely happy - JD

Clinton is a proponent of renewable energy and developing more vast solar networks than are already in existence in the interest of slowing climate change - JD

- **Observations of debate tactics used by the candidates (effective and ineffective)**

Personal attacks on opponents (Clinton referencing Trump's \$14 million loan from father while she had a hard working small business owner as a father)-ZS

It's been somewhat more civil until this point (they held back) than I at least expected, but it's clear that the candidates have tension - JD

Suddenly lots of interrupting... HC has obviously been coached to remain calm, and is trying to highlight/contrast DT's behavior- RC

Okay, 20 minutes in and we already have accusations of schizophrenia. And I thought we were past the point of candidates telling people to look at their websites when confronted with opposing facts - SC

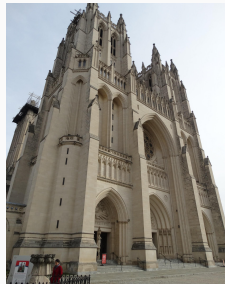
Neither candidate is stopping - CC

Speculation by HC on why DT isn't releasing his tax returns - CC

Direct addressing (more or less outside the current topic) of each other's most glaring personal issues - JD

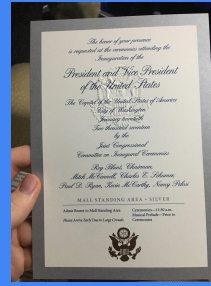
# Thursday

- **Ford's Theatre**
- **National Cathedral**
- **Smithsonian Museum of African American Culture & History**
- **Washington Monument**





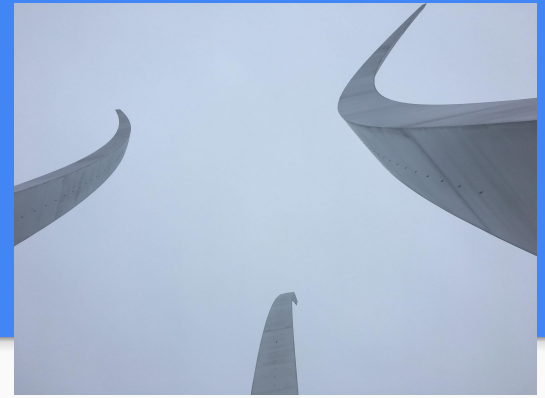
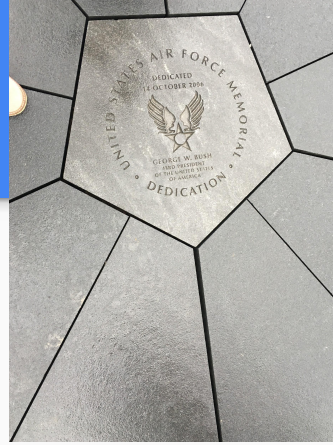
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- Being able to fact check what the media said happened against the most reliable source I had, myself.
- Being able to see the reactions from the inauguration crowd and exposed to a wide variety of political beliefs.

# Rest of Friday

- Iwo Jima Memorial
- Air Force Memorial



# Saturday

- **Arlington National Cemetery**
- **Women's March**
- **Capitol Hill**
- **Supreme Court**
- **Jefferson, MLK, and FDR**





Sunday



- Mount Vernon
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- WWII Memorial
- Smithsonianians





# Projects

- **Nick Schramm: Electoral College and Superdelegates**
- **Shannon French: Impact of Social Media on Election**
- **Dorcas Lohese: Change of Elections Over Time**
- **Jacob Dell: Impact of Public Opinion (Polling/Approval Rating)**

# Takeaways

- Experiencing DC and all it has to offer
- Being exposed to both ends of the political spectrum in two different scenarios
- Learning more about topics that interested us surrounding politics and election cycles
- A historic moment and trip that we'll remember for a long time