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**8.04 Inaugural Poetry**

**Part A:**

Based on the Inaugural Address that you chose, complete the organizer below. Use textual evidence to support your answers. The first four are dealing with language: diction, imagery, language, and syntax. The last four are dealing with the issues the President may or may not have addressed in his speech.

President’s Name:

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| **Diction**  (The author’s choice of words.) | **Imagery**  (Language that appeals to the senses.) | **Language**  (Characteristics of the body of word use [slang, jargon, scholarly language.]) | **Syntax**  (The way the sentences are constructed: simple, compound, interrogative.) | **American Values** | **Economy** | **Domestic Issues** | **Foreign Policy** |
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**Part B:**

Listen to [“One Today”](http://www.washingtonpost.com/posttv/politics/inauguration-2013-richard-blanco-recites-inaugural-poem/2013/01/21/098c2918-63f0-11e2-b84d-21c7b65985ee_video.html) by Richard Blanco as he reads his inaugural poem at the 2013 inauguration. While listening, think of the [tone](http://blogs.loc.gov/catbird/2013/01/richard-blancos-inaugural-poem-one-today/) of the piece.

Now, try your hand in writing an inaugural poem for the President’s speech that you chose to read in Part A. Your task is to write a poem that will inspire America as well as speak to her past and future. Go to [TV411](http://www.tv411.org/writing/creative-personal-writing/how-write-poem) to “Tune in to Learning” about how to write a poem. You do not have to log in; just complete the activities before creating your own poem.

When you have edited and corrected your poem the way you like it, copy and paste it to the 4.08 Inaugural Poetry Discussion. Read one person’s poem and highlight words that suggest its [tone](http://blogs.loc.gov/catbird/2013/01/richard-blancos-inaugural-poem-one-today/). Remember, the words will suggest a positive or negative, humorous, or sarcastic tone.

Then you will submit your 4.08 Inaugural Poetry worksheet to the **4.08 Inaugural Poetry Dropbox**.