



# <inauguration>

A ceremony in which a new president takes an oath

This slide presentation is revised from the original I did back in 2017. This version is updated with new incoming President and Vice President images & dates but it does not have the hot links embedded in the slides. Please see the 2017 version for those.



# Inauguration of President Joe Biden

ceremony begins at 12:00 pm ET

*other events preceding*

## January 20, 2021

with Vice President Kamala Harris



Outgoing President Trump's  
inauguration ceremony 2017

Joe Biden



Kamala Harris



# During this ceremony, President Biden takes an oath --makes a promise



## **oath (n.)**

Old English *að* "oath, judicial swearing, solemn appeal to deity in witness of truth or a promise," from Proto-Germanic *\*aithaz* (source also of Old Norse *eiðr*, Swedish *ed*, Old Saxon, Old Frisian *eth*, Middle Dutch *eet*, Dutch *eed*, German *eid*, Gothic *aip̃s* "oath"), from PIE *\*oi-to-* "an oath" (source also of Old Irish *oeth* "oath"). Common to Celtic and Germanic, possibly a loan-word from one to the other, but the history is obscure. In reference to careless invocations of divinity, from late 12c.



Modern-day definition of **oath**:

noun,

1. a solemn appeal to a deity, or to some revered person or thing, to witness **one's determination to speak the truth, to keep a promise,** etc.:
4. the form of words in which such a statement or **promise is made.**



# Etymology of <inauguration>

## **inauguration (n.)**

1560s, from French *inauguration* "installation, consecration," and directly from Late Latin *inaugurationem* (nominative *inauguratio*) "consecration," presumably originally "installment under good omens;" noun of action from past participle stem of *inaugurare* "take omens from the flight of birds; consecrate or install when omens are favorable," from *in-* "on, in" (see *in-* (2)) + *augurare* "to act as an augur, predict" (see *augur* (n.)).



must go back further in the history of this word...

**augur (n.)**

1540s, from Latin *augur*, a religious official in ancient Rome who foretold events by interpreting omens, perhaps originally meaning "an increase in crops enacted in ritual," in which case it probably is from Old Latin *\*augos* (genitive *\*augeris*) "increase," and is related to *augere* "increase" (see **augment**). The more popular theory is that it is from Latin *avis* "bird," because the flights, singing, and feeding of birds,... were important objects of divination (compare *auspicious*). In that case, the second element would be from *garrere* "to talk."





....finding more trails to uncover....

### **augment (v.)**

c. 1400, from Old French *augmenter* "increase, enhance" (14c.), from Late Latin *augmentare* "to increase," from Latin *augmentum* "an increase," from *augere* "to increase, make big, enlarge, enrich," from PIE root *\*aug-* (1) "to increase" (source also of Sanskrit *ojas-* "strength;" Lithuanian *augu* "to grow," *aukstas* "high, of superior rank;" Greek *auxo* "increase," *auxein* "to increase;" Gothic *aukan* "to grow, increase;" Old English *eacien* "to increase"). Related: **Augmented**; *augmenting*. As a noun from early 15c.



# Modern-day definition

→ inauguration: **noun**

1. an act or ceremony of [inaugurating](#).

→ inaugurating: **verb** (used with object), **inaugurated, inaugurating.**

1. to make a formal beginning of; initiate; commence; begin:  
*The end of World War II inaugurated the era of nuclear power.*

2. to **induct into office** with formal ceremonies; **install**.

3. to introduce into public use by some formal ceremony:  
*Airmail service between Washington, D.C., and New York City was inaugurated in 1918.*

Linking the denotation to  
modern-day definition:

*We are installing a new  
president today with good  
hopes for the future.*



What it is:

**augur**: noun

- 1.) one of a group of ancient Roman officials charged with observing and interpreting omens for guidance in public affairs.
2. soothsayer; prophet.



**Verb:**

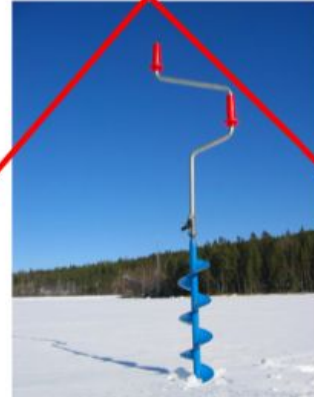
*Based on the team's winning streak, he **augurs** winning the title.*



What it is **NOT**:

**auger** : noun

1. *Carpentry.*
  - a. a bit, as for a brace.
  - b. a boring tool, similar to but larger than a gimlet, consisting of a bit rotated by a transverse handle.





# Word sums: <augur>

inauguration → in + augur + ate/ + ion

inaugurations → in + augur + ate/ + ion + s

inaugurate → in + augur + ate

inaugurated → in + augur + ate/ + ed

inaugurates → in + augur + ate + s

inaugural → in + augur + al

inaugurating → in + augur + ate/ + ing

augur + s → augurs "The dark, cloudy sky *augurs* bad weather"

augur + ed → augured "The boys wished they had *augured* a better winning streak."

<augur>  
denotation  
"predict, foretell, seer"

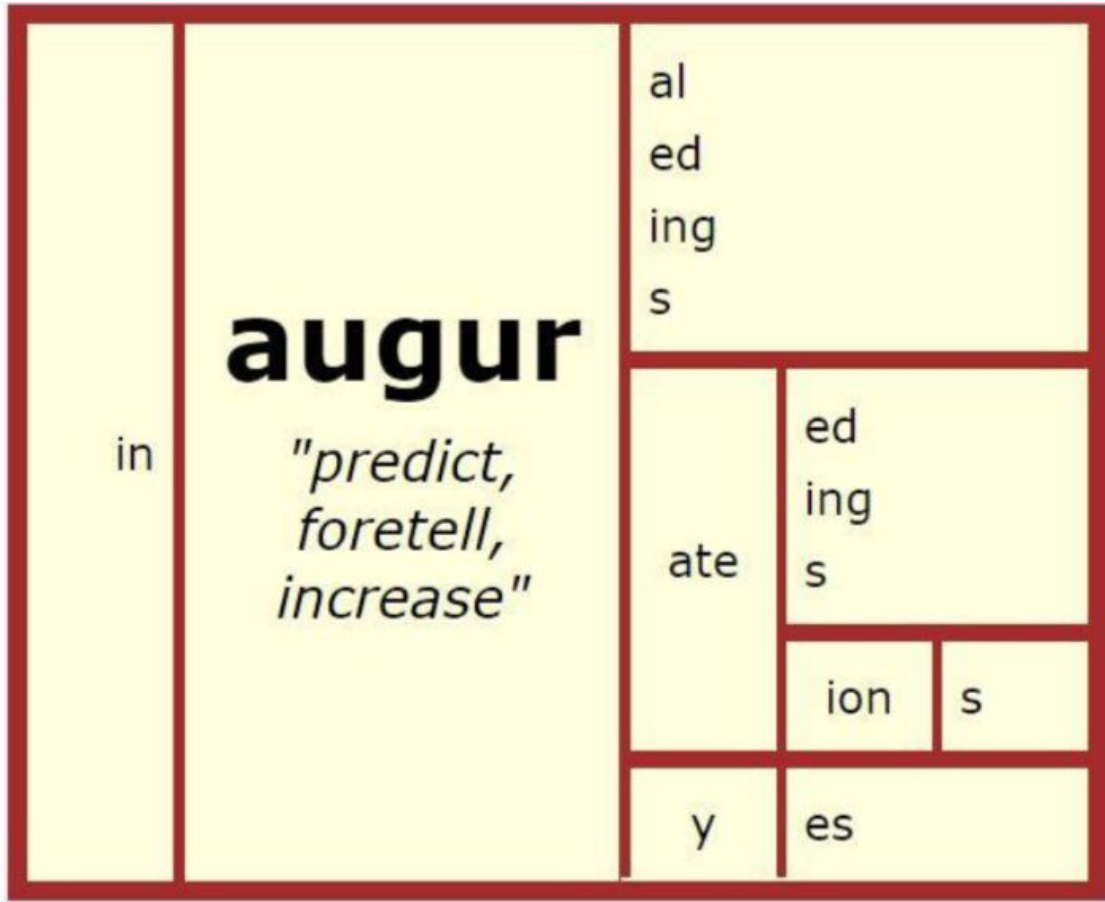
Possibly related to:

<au> ~ Latin *avis* "bird,"

<gur> ~ *garrere* "to talk."

Interpreted as watching birds behavior, talking about it in the form of making predictions for increased crops based on the observed behavior





# Modern-day definition

augment: **verb** (used **with** object)

1. **to make larger**; enlarge in size, number, strength, or extent; increase:  
*His salary is augmented by a small inheritance.*

**verb** (used without object)

5. **to become larger.**



augment → aug + ment

augments → aug + ment + s

augmented → aug + ment + ed

augmenting → aug + ment + ing

augmentation → aug + ment + ate/ + ion

augmentor → aug + ment + or (*either suffix is acceptable -er/-or*)

augmenter → aug + ment + er

August → aug + ust

<aug>  
denotation  
“increase”



**aug**

*"increase,  
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The purpose of this slide show was to *augment* your knowledge of this historic day by enlightening your understanding of the structure of English base words.

Learning about their etymologies (histories) and linking the base word to other words, *augments* the depth of imagery of these other words.

If you want to *augment* your understanding of how 'August' got its name and is linked to the bound base <aug>, go to **Etymonline** and check out what Doug Harper has discovered!

Thanks for taking this learning journey with us!



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