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### Abstract 1: Obama's Inaugural Address

Barack Obama gave his Inaugural Address on January 20, 2009 when he took the oath to become America's forty fourth president. As tradition, the speech is meant to commemorate the induction of a new president and foreshadow what he intends to do during his term. It is meant to be poetic and powerful in a sense to inspire the nation. In Barack Obama's case, the purpose of his speech was to restore hope in American citizens by reminding us of our past and that difficult times such as now have been and can be overcome by applying Our Country's basic values. He states, "our challenges may be new, the instruments with which we meet them may be new, but those values upon which our success depends, honesty and hard work, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism -- these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history." He addresses this audience knowing the exigence of the matters for which he must attend to, but in a calm, confident, and determined manner that is meant to ease the people and provide hope and enforce the belief that these trials are able to be overcome. In one instance Obama says, "today I say to you that the challenges we face are real, they are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this America: They will be met."

Claim

Proof

Uses system of vocabulary nicely to provide in-depth analysis.

Entering the speech, Obama had many constraints, some that acted as obstacles, some opportunities, but mostly both. Of course, he needed to address our issues of war, health care, education, a rapidly declining economy, and the worst case of unemployment that Americans have seen in awhile. All of these things could be viewed as obstacles and/or opportunities. They are obstacles in the sense that their depressing and helpless nature conflict with Obama's purpose of being motivational and inspiring. However, they are opportunities because as the saying goes "when you're at the bottom, there's no where else to go but up" and if used properly, these constraints allowed Obama the opportunity to show just how he could take America from the bottom to the top again. He utilizes these constraints as opportunities well when he says, "For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of our economy calls for action: bold and swift. And we will act not only to create new jobs but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its costs. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. All this we will do."

Note evaluative claim

Needs explanation of why this is well done.