



What Is the State of the Union? - Quiz

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Q1. Who gave the first State of the Union address?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. John Adams

Q2. Which president established the precedent of delivering the State of the Union speech in person?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- D. Harry S. Truman

Q3. What is the purpose of the designated survivor during the State of the Union?

- A. To ensure continuity of government in case of a disaster
- B. To give a response to the president's speech
- C. To introduce the president
- D. To lead the applause

Q4. Which constitutional article requires the president to give the State of the Union address?

- A. Article II, Section 3
- B. Article I, Section 8
- C. Article III, Section 1
- D. Article IV, Section 4

Q5. Who was the first designated survivor during a State of the Union address?

- A. Samuel Pierce Jr.
- B. Malcolm Baldrige
- C. Dick Cheney
- D. Condoleezza Rice

Q6. What is typically included in the State of the Union address?

- A. A discussion of the national economy
- B. A review of the president's personal life
- C. A list of new Supreme Court justices
- D. A detailed weather forecast

Q7. When did the tradition of the opposing party giving a response to the State of the Union begin?

- A. 1966
- B. 1981
- C. 1945
- D. 2000

Q8. Which president's State of the Union address was the longest at nearly 89 minutes?

- A. Bill Clinton
- B. Ronald Reagan
- C. Barack Obama
- D. George W. Bush

Q9. Who was the first acknowledged guest at a State of the Union address?

- A. Lenny Skutnik
- B. Dikembe Mutumbo
- C. Bill Richardson
- D. Nikki Haley

Q10. Which president started the tradition of giving an address during the first year of their term, though not officially a State of the Union?

- A. Ronald Reagan
- B. Jimmy Carter
- C. George H.W. Bush
- D. Richard Nixon

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A