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A solemn oath

Did you watch President Trump’s inauguration in January 2017? At that big event, he and his vice president, Mike Pence, swore that they would follow the U.S. Constitution. The president’s oath reads: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

This oath means that the president has to do the job he or she can be removed from the job by the Congress if a president violates that oath. If a president, vice president or other officer of the United States does not obey the rules of his or her job, the Congress is investigating whether the president has committed a crime against the United States. The Constitution says that if a president, vice president or other officer of the United States is voted guilty,” quote one short of the 36 required at the time. Johnson remained in office.

President Andrew Johnson.

• In 1999, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the House. But again, the Senate voted to acquit him, or declare him not guilty.

• In 1974, the House brought three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon. But before the House could begin its hearings, Nixon resigned, or quit, on Aug. 9, 1974. Vice President Gerald Ford became the 38th U.S. president.

**Impeachment history**

Only two presidents have been impeached in U.S. history.
• President Andrew Johnson, the 17th, was impeached in 1868 on 11 articles. However, only 35 senators voted “guilty” — one short of the 36 required at the time. Johnson remained in office.
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**How does it work?**

The House of Representatives has to vote on one or more articles of impeachment. These are the particular charges of how the president has committed a crime against the United States. The Constitution specifies that a president is removed, he may never serve in a government position again.

What happened?

On Sept. 24, 2019, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced an impeachment inquiry. This means that several House committees will look into the president’s actions and decide whether to draw up articles of impeachment and hold a vote.

The Congress is investigating whether the president worked with a foreign government to improve his chances to win the 2020 presidential election.

**What happened?**

At the library:

• bit.ly/MPimpeach

On the Web:

“Impeachment Process” by John Murphy

**Try ’n’ Find**

Words that remind us of impeachment are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find:

**ARTICLES, CONGRESS, CONSTITUTION, IMPEACH, INVESTIGATE, JUROR, LAWYER, NIXON, OATH, RESIGN, RESPONSIBILITY, SUPREME COURT.**

**Cook’s Corner**

Homemade Cornbread

You’ll need:

• 1 1/2 cups biscuit baking mix
• 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
• 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
• 1/4 cup sugar

What to do:

1. Combine baking mix, powder, cornmeal and sugar in a large bowl.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, milk, melted butter and honey until well blended.
3. Add flour mixture gradually to wet mixture and stir until combined. (Do not over mix.)
4. Lightly grease an 11-by-7-inch pan. Add cornbread mixture to pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until set.

**7 Little Words for Kids**

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each correct combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. a person staying at a house (7)
2. it does your thinking (5)
3. yell (5)
4. video game with cubes (9)
5. long talk (7)
6. curiosity (8)
7. what bees make (5)

**Eco Note**

Back-to-school blistering summers have melted the glacier atop a famed Swedish mountain peak so much that it no longer has the talus in the land. The southern summit of the two-peaked Kebnekaise Mountain, just north of the Arctic Circle, has been so diminished by the melt that it is now 4 feet shorter than its northern twin.

**Mini Jokes**

Dina: What do you call a thieving alligator?
Danny: A crookidile!

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