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The screenshot shows the website's main interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Help', and 'Guided Tour'. Below this is a 'Timeline' section with a grid of years from 1493 to 2002. A 'Browse by Author' section features a grid of letters from A to Z. Below that is a 'Topics in American History' section with a grid of 12 topic categories. At the bottom, there's a search bar with a 'Go' button and a checkbox for 'Not sure of the spelling?'. A large image of the Statue of Liberty is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

**BASIC SEARCH SCREEN**

**Timeline search groups entries by time period**

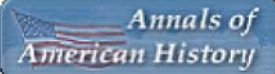
**Online Help**

**Author search groups entries by author surnames.**

**Topic search groups entries in one of 12 themes.**

**Keyword search finds terms in entry text.**

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**SAMPLE ENTRY**

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Home Help

Use the browse and search options below to find additional selections from the Annals of American History.

Search

Go

Not sure of the spelling?

Browse by Time Period

1493-1754 Go

Browse by Author

**Context**

Browse by Topics in American History

- American Democracy
- Arts & Leisure
- Business
- Discrimination
- Diversity
- Education
- Expansion
- Family
- Government & Law
- Labor
- National Character
- Religion

First Inaugural Address  
by Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Introduction

**Listen to an excerpt of the speech.**

**Source of the entry**

Source:  
Congressional Record, Washington, 73 Cong., Special Sess. of the Senate, pp. 5-6.


**Entry text (partial)**

I am certain that my fellow Americans expect that on my induction into the presidency I will address them with a candor and a decision which the present situation of our nation impels. This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today. This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper.

**Keyword search: "fear itself"**

So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is **fear itself** — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and

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