

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, January 10, 2016 of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

O'Toole to be sitting with first lady during State of the Union address (NW Sunday, page B1)

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Read the title of this article. Who do you think O'Toole is? What is the State of the Union address? Who gives the State of the Union address? Have you heard one before?
2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. biased
- B. compliance
- C. discriminatory
- D. exemplify
- E. ideals
- F. inherited
- G. mandated
- H. model
- I. morale
- J. pilot program
- K. recognized
- L. reform
- M. stemming
- N. tradition
- O. transparency

1. the act or process of doing what you have been asked or ordered to do
2. to be caused by (something or someone) : to come from (something or someone)
3. an idea or standard of perfection or excellence
4. something or someone that is a very good example of something
5. the quality that makes something obvious or easy to understand
6. not fair : unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people
7. done as a test to see if a larger program should be done
8. to have to deal with (a situation, problem, etc.) when you take a job or position that someone else had before you
9. the improvement of something by removing or correcting faults, problems, etc.
10. having or showing an unfair tendency to believe that some people, ideas, etc., are better than others
11. a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been used by the people in a particular group, family, society, etc., for a long time
12. the feelings of enthusiasm and loyalty that a person or group has about a task or job
13. to be a very good example of (something)
14. to publicly give special attention or notice to (someone or something)
15. to officially demand or require (something)

Comprehension

1. Seattle's Chief of Police, Kathleen O'Toole, was invited by the White House to sit in the first lady's box because of her efforts in doing what?
2. The first lady's box has been used for more than three decades to single out heroic acts and honor Americans who exemplify the themes and ideals laid out in what?
3. This tradition dates back to what President's administration?
4. O'Toole will join more than 20 others selected to sit with Michelle Obama. Why will one seat in the first lady's box remain open?
5. At times over the years, how has the President recognized guests who are invited to sit in the first lady's box?
6. O'Toole, who was sworn in as Seattle's chief in June 2014, inherited a police department that was struggling to comply with federally _____ reforms stemming from a 2011 U.S. Justice Department investigation that found officers often resorted to excessive force and displayed evidence of _____ policing. **(Fill in the blanks)**
7. Part of the Seattle Police Department's reform focused on a pilot program in which officers did what for 6-months?
8. What did the pilot program receive in order to expand?
9. Last year, Seattle Police officials participated in a White House event to boost the use of what in order to build public trust?
10. Who praised the progress of Seattle's police reforms, saying the city had become a model for law-enforcement agencies around the country?
 - a) President Obama
 - b) Seattle Mayor Ed Murray
 - c) U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch

Additional Activities

1. **Answer the following questions about the article you just read:**
 - A. Who or what is this article about?
 - B. Why do you think this article is important?
 - C. What is the most important or interesting fact you learned from this article?
2. Watch President Obama's final State of the Union address. While watching it, write down what you think the main themes and ideals of the speech were. What do you think was the most important message in the President's speech and why?

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 10
- B. 1
- C. 6
- D. 13
- E. 3
- F. 8
- G. 15
- H. 4
- I. 12
- J. 7
- K. 14
- L. 9
- M. 2
- N. 11
- O. 5

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

1. Because of her efforts to change department policies and build community ties. (Answers may vary)
2. The State of the Union address.
3. The tradition dates back to President Reagan's administration.
4. One seat will remain open to represent victims of gun violence who no longer have a voice.
5. He has recognized guests by name during his speech.
6. mandated; biased
7. Officers wore body cameras.
8. The pilot program received a \$600,000 grant from the Justice Department.
9. The use of data and technology to build public trust.
10. c) U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch