

Reference Guide

100 Plays for the First 100 Days Suzan-Lori Parks

[Day 1]

“It’s My Party and I’ll Cry If I Want To” – Lesley Gore (1963)

 : [“It’s My Party and I’ll Cry If I Want To”](#)

[Day 3]

Spokesperson (Kellyanne Conway)

[Day 3, Day 5, Day 21]

Kellyanne Conway served as Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign manager, becoming the first woman to run a successful U.S. presidential campaign. Following his election, Trump appointed her as counselor to the president. Conway makes frequent appearances on television news, speaking on Trump’s behalf.

“Alternative Facts”

Conway coined the phrase “alternative facts” during a Meet the Press interview in January 2017, in defense of White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer’s remarks about the size of the crowd at Trump’s inauguration.

 : [Kellyanne Conway: Press Secretary Sean Spicer Gave 'Alternative Facts'](#)

 : [Kellyanne Conway’s interview tricks, explained](#)

 : [A Day Off \(Kate McKinnon on SNL\)](#)

 : [@KellyannePolls](#)

“Exit, Pursued by a Bear”

Reference to William Shakespeare’s most famous stage direction, and most notoriously difficult to stage, from *The Winter’s Tale*, Act III, Scene 3.

 : [Staging An Exit \(Pursued by a Bear\)](#)

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[Day 4]


The 45th (Donald Trump)

[Day 4, Day 5, Day 6, Day 7, Day 16, Day 29, Day 30, Day 31]

Donald Trump is the 45th President of the United States. Trump has campaigned in several elections, beginning in 2000. Far from a career politician, Trump made a name for himself in business – in particular, real estate – and entertainment ventures, most notably as co-producer and original host of *The Apprentice*, which aired on NBC from 2003 to 2015. As president, Trump has pursued many controversial policies, from his harsh stance on undocumented immigrants to banning transgender troops from the military to his withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate accord in favor of boosting fossil fuel production.

 : [Bio @ WhiteHouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov/bio)

 : [Bio @ White House Historical Association](https://www.whitehousehistorical.org)

 : [Where President Trump stands on the issues in 2020](#)
(from 2019, pre-Corona)

 : [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump)

[Day 6]

The Vice President (Mike Pence)

[Day 6, Day 19]

American politician and lawyer, current Vice President of the United States. Prior to his inauguration in 2017, Pence served as the Governor of Indiana from 2013 to 2017, and was previously a member of the United States House of Representatives from 2001 to 2013.

 : [@Mike_Pence](https://twitter.com/Mike_Pence)

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[Day 7]

“Good Fences Make Good Neighbors”

A reference to the poem “Mending Wall” by Robert Frost.
(And a joking reference to the August Wilson play *Fences*.)

 : [“Mending Wall” by Robert Frost](#)

[Day 10]

Small Hands

In 1988, Graydon Carter described Donald Trump as a “short-fingered vulgarian” in *Spy Magazine*. The insult has proved to be a spot of sensitivity for Trump. Carter writes:

“To this day, I receive the occasional envelope from Trump. There is always a photo of him—generally a tear sheet from a magazine. On all of them he has circled his hand in gold Sharpie in a valiant effort to highlight the length of his fingers. I almost feel sorry for the poor fellow because, to me, the fingers still look abnormally stubby.”

 : [The History Behind the Donald Trump “Small Hands” Insult](#)

 : [Why You Shouldn’t Laugh at Donald Trump’s Hands](#)

Executive Order

An executive order is a published directive from the President of the United States regulating policies and operations within the federal government. All executive orders must be supported by the Constitution, and can be challenged and struck down if found to be unconstitutional.

 : [What Is an Executive Order?](#)
