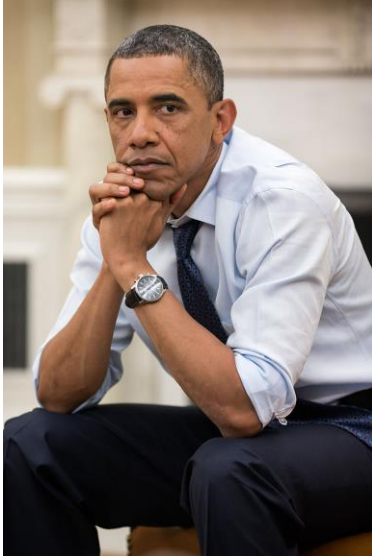


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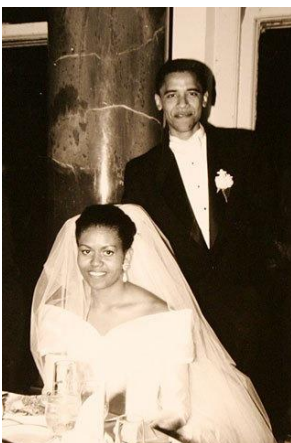
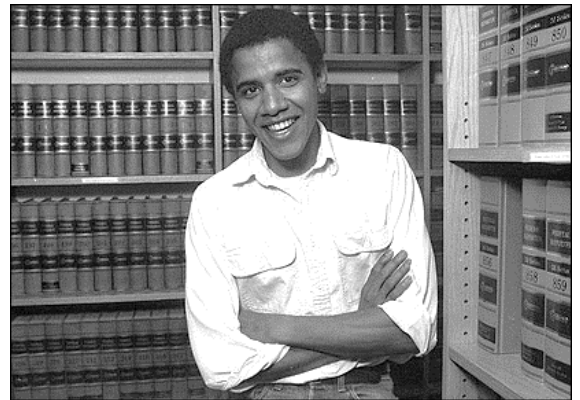


Barack Obama was the first African-American to be elected president of the United States of America.

Barack Hussein Obama Jr. was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father was from Nyang'oma Kogelo, Kenya and his mother from Wichita, Kansas. It was an interracial marriage, something that began to be legal from 1967. They divorced when Obama was two years old.

Barack lived in Indonesia with his mother and stepfather for a few years. During this time, his mother would make him get up early so she could teach him extra lessons before going to school. He moved back to Hawaii when he was 10 and lived with his grandparents.

Barack was an involved student and has publicly acknowledged that he got up early before going to school to read and review different content taught in class. Despite having a broad university education, it is curious to know that Obama's first job was in an ice cream parlor. He was a teenager with a lot of desire to work and as an adult He said that this job helped him to be a young person in charge and to appreciate that hard work dignifies people.



Obama began studying political science at Columbia University when he was a junior. In 1991, he graduated from Harvard Law School with honors.

In October 1992, Barack Obama married Michelle Robinson Obama, also a lawyer. They had two daughters: Malia Ann and Natasha.



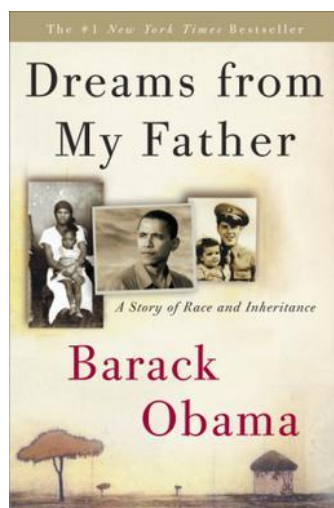
Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States on January 20, 2009. He was re-elected in 2012. He was president from 2009 to 2017. His predecessor was George W. Bush and his successor Donald Trump. In 2009, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end nuclear weapons around the world and the fight against climate change.

In many speeches Obama gave to students, he told them to be responsible, to pay attention to their teachers and their families, and to attend classes on time with their work done, so that they may achieve professional success in the future. He encouraged them to develop their talents, skills, and intelligence so they can solve different kinds of problems.

Barack Obama has read all the books in the Harry Potter series and has dined with the writer of the books. He has also appeared caricatured in the well-known television series *The Simpsons*.

Obama is left-handed; he belongs to the 10% of the world population that is left-handed and is the eighth left-handed president of the United States.

Barack Obama has won 2 Grammy awards in 2006 and 2008 for Best Spoken Word Album for his books, "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope."



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Where was Barack Obama born?

- a. Africa
- b. Hawaii
- c. Kenya



2. Barack Obama \_\_\_\_\_

- a. was the first African-American president of the United States.
- b. the 44th president of the United States.
- c. Received the Nobel Peace Prize.
- d. All of the above.

3. Obama was elected to the presidency twice.

- a. True
- b. False

4. An interracial person \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. is born in Hawaii
- b. has parents of the same race.
- c. has parents of different races.
- d. was raised by their grandparents.



5. Why was he awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a. For being a very peaceful man.
- b. For helping the poor.
- c. For helping to end nuclear weapons.
- d. For being the President.