



# Barack Obama

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–2

1 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Obama's letoecni ..... changed the future of the United States.
- b Martin Luther King wanted trbete ..... homes and jobs for black people.
- c American election apgamcsni ..... cost a lot of money.
- d Obama, Sr. got a free place in mnoceosic ..... classes at Harvard.
- e Obama, Sr. got a good job in the Kenyan mevontgnre .....
- f Lolo Soetoro went to New Guinea to gihtf ..... in the war there.
- g Ann wanted Barry to have a good atunoiocde .....
- h Barry loved playing basketball behind his grandparents' trapematn .....

2 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| better    | quietly  |
| sick      | future   |
| past      | cheap    |
| rich      | worse    |
| win       | bored    |
| started   | well     |
| excited   | stupid   |
| sold      | poor     |
| loudly    | forget   |
| smart     | lose     |
| remember  | bought   |
| expensive | finished |

3 Answer the questions.

- a What happened when the war between the North and the South ended?  
.....
- b How many Democratic presidential candidates were there in the beginning?  
.....
- c Why did Obama, Sr. first go to the United States?  
.....
- d How many children did Kezia have when Obama, Sr. married Ruth?  
.....

- e What job did Obama's grandmother do?  
.....
- f What things did Obama remember from his first day in Jakarta?  
.....
- g What did Obama write when his teacher asked him about his plans for the future?  
.....
- h Where did Obama live when he went back to the United States?  
.....

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a There is a new American president every four years.
- b After the war between the North and the South, black people could get good jobs.
- c Obama had more money to fight the campaign than the Clintons.
- d In 1961, it wasn't normal for a black person to marry a white person in the United States.
- e Ann didn't talk about Obama, Sr. after her married life with him ended.
- f When Ann was a child, she loved reading about people from other countries.
- g First Obama went to a Catholic school, and then a Muslim school in Jakarta.
- h Obama was very happy when his father went to stay with him at Christmas in 1971.

## Chapters 3–4

5 Find the right words in Chapters 3–4.

- a A place where you can get money. (p. 9)  
.....
- b The sister of your mother or father. (p. 10)  
.....
- c When you do something badly, you make these. (p. 10) .....
- d You have these when you talk with other people. (p. 11) .....
- e Something you can read. (p. 13)  
.....
- f This person lives in the house next to your house. (p. 14) .....
- g The way a person puts words on paper. (p. 15) .....
- h When many animals are free, they are this. (p. 16) .....



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**6 Underline the wrong words and put the right ones.**

- a Obama wanted people to use his American name in Harlem. ....
- b Obama helped black people in South Chicago make changes for better hospitals. ....
- c When the government took Obama, Sr.'s job away, he started working in bars. ....
- d Michelle wanted her older brother to play football with Obama. ....
- e Obama visited South America on his way to Kenya. ....
- f One of Ruth's two daughters died in a car accident. ....
- g When Onyango had a lot of money, he bought a restaurant in Kendu. ....
- h Barack and Michelle married in Kenya in 1992. ....

**7 Finish the sentences with the right words.**

- hoped powerful called different stranger newspapers disciplined freely
- a When Barry was a college, he was a ..... student.
  - b Obama tried to work with the churches, but the ..... men didn't want his help.
  - c Obama sent Michelle flowers and notes, and he ..... her on the phone.
  - d Some important ..... wrote about Obama and it opened a door to his future.
  - e Obama felt like a ..... when he visited London, Paris, and Barcelona.
  - f Onyango ..... to learn English from the white people.
  - g Obama's visit to Kenya opened his eyes to a ..... world.
  - h The South African government didn't want black people to live ..... with white people.

**Chapters 5-6**

**8 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.**

- a wanted for Obama law Many them to offices work  
.....

- b a his Obama money book get lot could of from  
.....
- c stopped the White drivers road policemen more black on  
.....
- d weather city Orleans Very bad hit the of New  
.....
- e his didn't problems Obama life have he liked and money  
.....
- f to people phone across voters Young country made the calls  
.....
- g was important country The problem economy the in most the  
.....
- h spoke a party the After for Obama family big left  
.....

**9 Answer the questions.**

- a What was the name of Obama's first book?  
.....
- b How many daughters did Barack and Michelle Obama have?  
.....
- c What did Michelle and the girls do when Obama moved to Washington?  
.....
- d Why were many Americans angry about New Orleans?  
.....
- e What did Michelle live for?  
.....
- f What did Obama have on the wall of his Senate office?  
.....
- g What did Hillary Clinton vote on the war in Iraq?  
.....
- h What did McCain do when the American banks had problems?  
.....



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### 1 What's first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a  Barack goes back to law school and is elected president of the Harvard law magazine.
- b  Barack becomes a Senator and then fights against Hillary Clinton to be the Democratic candidate for the presidency.
- c  Obama, Sr. moves to the United States and meets Ann. They marry and have a son called Barack.
- d  Barry, now Barack again, lives in a black community in Harlem, New York, and looks for a job as a community organizer.
- e  Barack takes Michelle to Kenya to meet his family and then they go back to the United States to get married.
- f  Barack, now a law student, gets a summer job in Chicago and meets a beautiful, black lawyer called Michelle.
- g  Barack, now called Barry, learns Indonesian and goes to school in Jakarta.
- h  The Obama family walk hand-in-hand in front of more than 200,000 people. Obama is the first African-American President.
- i  Barack's first book starts selling very well but a short time later his mother, Ann, dies.
- j  Barry goes back to the United States to live with his grandparents and study at an expensive school called Punahou.

### 2 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Barack Obama Michelle Obama, Sr.  
Martin Luther King John McCain Ann  
Lolo Soetoro Auma Onyango Malia
- a ..... taught her children to be good and kind and about the problems of African-Americans.
  - b ..... lost his job with the government, started drinking, and then died in a car accident.
  - c ..... didn't like politics but loved her community.
  - d ..... spoke in 1963 about a better world for African-Americans.
  - e ..... became a community organizer because he wanted to help poor people.
  - f ..... discussed important things with Obama on TV.
  - g ..... was born in 1999 and has a sister called Natasha.

- h ..... worked in a white man's house in Nairobi.
- i ..... fought in New Guinea and then moved back to Jakarta.
- j ..... took Barack to their grandfather's farm in Kogelo.

### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Obama, Sr. had two American wives and one African wife.
- b Ann's parents were from Kenya.
- c When Ann left Lolo, she went back to Honolulu with Maya.
- d The powerful men in the churches of Chicago didn't want Obama's help.
- e Michelle's brother didn't like Obama after he played basketball with him.
- f Sarah told Obama about his grandfather in English.
- g When Obama married Michelle, he didn't invite his family.
- h Obama didn't vote for a war in Iraq.
- i When Obama moved to Washington, his wife and daughters stayed in Chicago.
- j Obama didn't say bad things about Hillary Clinton and the Republicans.

### 4 Circle the right words.

- a Obama, Sr. went to the United States to *work* / *study* / *marry*.
- b Barry was very *angry* / *sad* / *excited* when they moved to Jakarta.
- c Obama had an angry conversation with his *father* / *sister* / *mother* at Christmas in 1971.
- d Obama went to Harvard to study *Economics* / *English* / *Law*.
- e The first time they went out, Obama took Michelle to a *church* / *party* / *basketball game* in Chicago.
- f Obama stayed with *Obama, Sr.* / *his grandmother* / *Auma* when he went to Kenya.
- g Michelle cried when she saw the poor *animals* / *children* / *government* in Kenya.
- h Obama finished writing his first book in *Chicago* / *Kenya* / *Bali*.
- i Obama and his campaign people were *richer* / *younger* / *cleverer* than Clinton and her people.
- j Barack Hussein Obama is the *34<sup>th</sup>* / *44<sup>th</sup>* / *54<sup>th</sup>* president of the United States.