

Barack Obama

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Put the events in the order that they happened in Barack Obama's life. The first is shown as (1).

- 1 He met Michelle. (9)
- 2 He worked at Business International Corporation in Manhattan. (6)
- 3 He went to Occidental College in Los Angeles. (3)
- 4 Barack Hussein Obama II was born in 1961. (1)
- 5 He made the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention. (12)
- 6 He became a community organizer. (7)
- 7 He moved to Jakarta with his mother and Lolo Soetoro. (2)
- 8 He got married. (10)
- 9 His mother died. (11)
- 10 He became president of the United States. (13)
- 11 He went to Harvard Law School. (8)
- 12 His father died. (5)
- 13 He studied political science at Columbia University in New York. (4)

Read the sentences and circle True (T) or False (F).

- 14 T or F Barack Obama Jr. enjoyed sports at school. **TRUE**
- 15 T or F Barack Obama Jr. has three daughters. **FALSE**
- 16 T or F Obama supported the war in Iraq. **FALSE**
- 17 T or F Obama met Michelle at Harvard Law School. **FALSE**
- 18 T or F Obama's grandmother died before he became president. **TRUE**

Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Each word may only be used once.

- 19 Barack Sr. did not believe in god. He was an atheist.
- 20 The urban poor are poor people who live in cities.
- 21 The beggars that Barack Jr. saw in Indonesia did not have any money. They lived in poverty.
- 22 Obama and his team used the internet in his election campaign.
- 23 David Axelrod helped Obama win elections. He was a political consultant.
- 24 Axelrod wrote Obama's most famous slogan: "Yes, We Can."
- 25 Obama was good at communicating. He was a talented public speaker.
- 26 The government in South Africa oppressed black people under apartheid.
- 27 Some politicians did not behave honestly. They were corrupt.
- 28 Barack Sr. received money to go to university. This was a scholarship.
- 29 Obama did not think President Bush did enough when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. He criticized him.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 30 Barack Jr. was such a good student that he received (receive) a full scholarship to Occidental College.
- 31 Many copies of Obama's books have been sold (sell) since they were first published.
- 32 When Obama was driving (drive) in Chicago, he heard the news about the 9/11 attacks.
- 33 Toot was worried about her daughter moving to Indonesia, but Ann had already decided (already / decide) to go.
- 34 Reporters followed Obama everywhere after he had made (make) the keynote speech in Boston.
- 35 Obama won (win) the U.S. presidential election on November 4, 2008.

Choose the correct form of the word to complete the sentences. The first one is an example.

- 36 In the 1950s, some places in the U.S. were very racism / racist.
- 37 Discrimination against black people was normal at that time.
- 38 Barack had a lot of sympathy for poor people.
- 39 Lots of people demonstrated against the war in Iraq.
- 40 In South Africa, black people were segregated under apartheid.
- 41 Malcolm X was an inspiration to Barack.
- 42 Barack had a talent for public speaking.