

Barack Obama



In 2009, Barack Obama made history when he became the first African-American president of the United States of America.

Obama was born in 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii in the USA. His mother was from the United States and his father was from Kenya. When Obama was a young boy his father left home and went back to Kenya. Then, his mother married a man from Indonesia and they had one daughter. The family moved to Indonesia and lived there for four years. When Barack was ten years old, he moved back to Hawaii and lived with his grandparents, his mother's parents.

In 1988, Obama decided to go to Harvard University. That year, before he began studying, he took a trip to Kenya to meet his father's family. He met his grandmother aunts, uncles and cousins for the first time. His father and grandfather died before his trip. Obama's father had seven other children, so he also met his sisters and brother for the first time when he was 27 years old. While he was at Harvard University, Obama met his wife, Michelle. They both became lawyers. They had two daughters, Malia and Sasha, and they lived in Chicago.

In 1995, Obama published a book about his family, *Dreams from My Father*. In 2005, he became a US senator and finally, on 20th January 2009, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the USA.

Write the correct numbers next to each description below:

1. The year Barack Obama was born
2. The number of years he lived in Indonesia
3. The year he went to Kenya and met his family
4. The number of daughters he has got
5. The number of US presidents before him

2. Answer the questions

How did Barack Obama make history?

Why did Obama live in Indonesia?

Why was his trip to Kenya very special?

What is his wife's profession?

Why does the text mention *Dreams from My Father*?