



1. Read the text and answer the questions.

Barack Obama and his parenting style

Barack Obama was the 44th president of the United States. He was born in 1961 in Hawaii and became president in 2009. He is famous not only for his leadership but also for his calm personality and strong communication skills. However, besides his political career, Obama is also known as a caring husband and father.

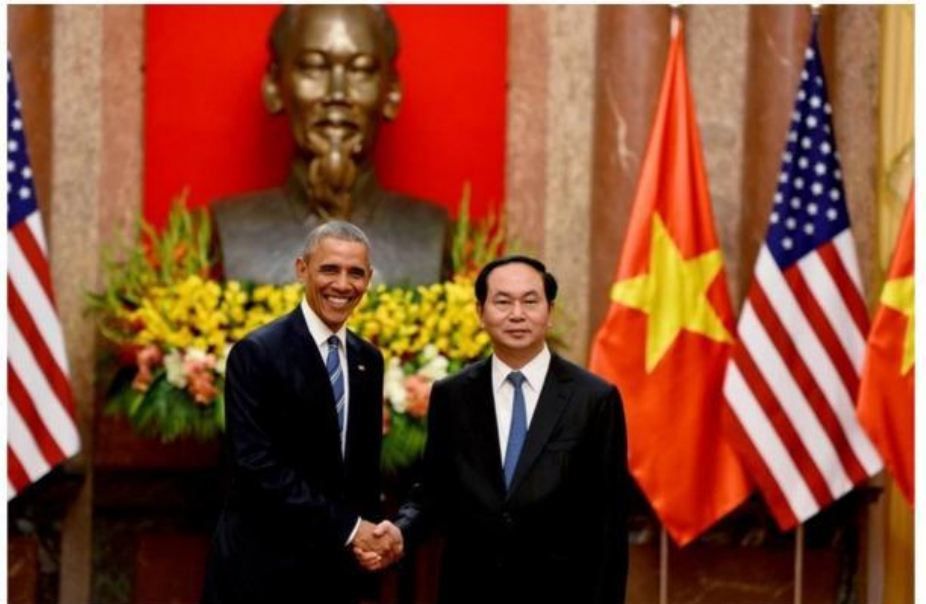
Obama is married to Michelle Obama, and they have two daughters, Malia and Sasha. Even when the family lived in the White House, they tried to live a simple and normal life. Michelle Obama often said that she wanted her daughters to grow up like other children, not like "special" kids.

The parents set clear rules at home. The girls had to do their homework, help with housework, and respect other people. They also had limited screen time and were encouraged to read books and focus on school. Obama believed that discipline is important, but it should come with love and understanding.

One interesting example of their parenting is that their daughters had part-time jobs when they were teenagers. Even though their father was the president, they were not given everything easily. For example, Malia worked in a restaurant during the summer. This helped her understand how difficult it is to earn money and why hard work is important. Obama believed that real-life experiences help children become more independent and responsible.

In addition, Obama always tried to spend quality time with his family. He often had dinner with his daughters and talked to them about their daily lives. He listened to their ideas and encouraged them to think for themselves. At the same time, he taught them to be kind, respectful, and humble.

In conclusion, Barack Obama and his wife raised their children with a balance of discipline, love, and real-world experience. Their parenting style shows that even in a powerful family, children should learn responsibility and live a normal life.



1. What do you think about Barack Obama as a father? Do you think he is a good parent? Why?
2. Do you agree that children should follow strict rules at home? Why or why not?
3. Obama wanted his daughters to live a "normal life." What does a normal life mean to you?
4. Do you think it is a good idea for teenagers to have part-time jobs? Why or why not?
5. How can part-time jobs help young people in the future?
6. Do you think children from rich or powerful families should work? Why?
7. What is more important in parenting: discipline or love? Explain your opinion.

2. Look up for these words and write down their definition. Then make a sentence using these words.

Be responsible

Discipline

Parenting style

Leadership

4. WRITING: Do you think spending time with family is important? Why or why not? Discuss and give your own opinion.

Tips for Students:

1. Start with your opinion clearly in the first sentence.
2. Give 2-3 reasons to support your opinion.
3. Use examples from your life, your friends, or well-known people.