



Our 44th President  
**Barack Obama**

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**My grandma and I watched the inauguration of President Barack Obama on TV.**



**It was exciting to watch. His wife, Michelle held the bible that President Abraham Lincoln used when he became president. And their two little girls, Malia and Sasha were standing beside them as he took the oath of office.**

**I was smiling, but my grandma had tears streaming down her face. "Grandma," I said, "Are you okay?" "I'm fine, darlin'." She said, "These are happy tears. I never thought I'd see the day that there would be an African-American president of the United States. This is history!"**



**She was right! I decided that I wanted to learn more about Barack Obama. Here's what I learned.**

**Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. His mom was from Kansas and his dad came from Kenya in Africa. His mom was white – his dad was black.**



**Being of mixed race caused him to struggle with his identity - with who he really was. But even as a little boy, he always had hope and a vision of the future.**

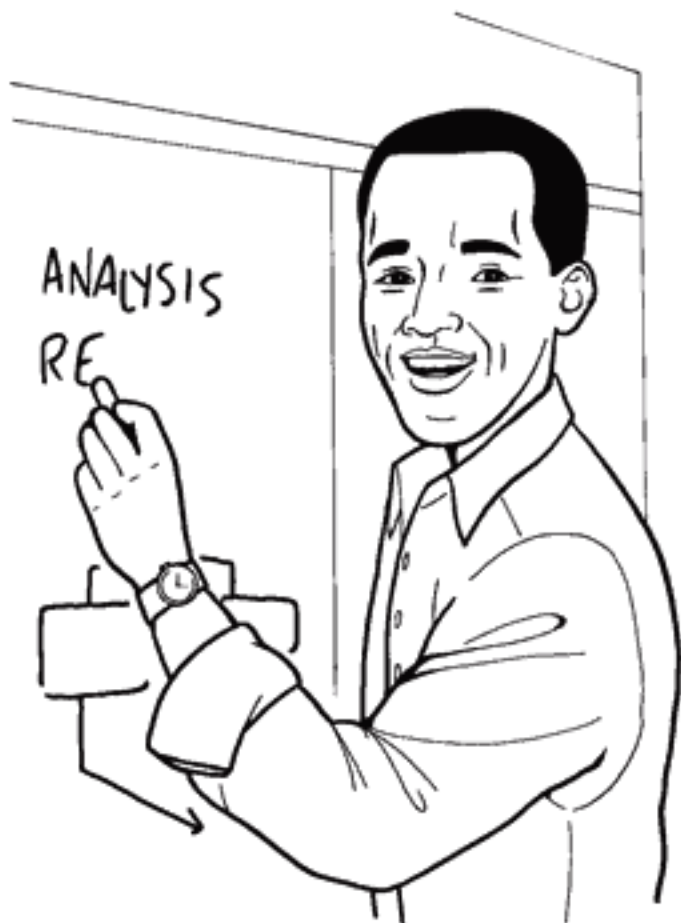
**His life wasn't always easy. The family never had much money. His parents divorced when Barack was two. He never really knew his father and only met him once again, when he was ten. After his mother remarried the family moved to Indonesia.**



**Barack soon returned to Hawaii to live with Gramps and Toot, his grandparents and to attend school.**

**Barack was happy in Hawaii. His friends called him Barry. He was a tall, skinny kid and played a great game of basketball. His friends nicknamed him Barry O'Bomber.**





**After graduating from Columbia University in New York, he put law school on hold and decided to stay true to the values that his mother believed in. He went to Chicago to help people who were poor and hungry and sick.**



**He soon realized that to make a difference, he would need to make changes in the law. Barack enrolled in Harvard Law School where he earned more than a law degree with honors. He was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.**

**In 1996, Barack Obama was elected to the Illinois State Senate, where he served for eight years - continuing to help the poor and disadvantaged.**



**He decided to run for the United States Senate. In 2004, Barack wrote and delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston.**



**The speech was so filled with hope for the future that he instantly became famous. He was elected to the U.S. Senate with a landslide 70% of the vote.**



**On a cold February morning in 2007, Barack Obama announced that he was going to run for president of the United States in 2008.**

**He worked hard, traveling all over the country for primary and caucus elections in every state.**



**In August 2008, Barack Obama was nominated by the Democratic Party as their candidate to be president of the United States.**



**He selected the well-respected U.S. Senator Joe Biden as his vice-presidential running mate.**



**On November 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States.**

**Now I know why my grandma was crying tears of joy.  
She was feeling hope for the future and so am I.**



# Fun Facts

- Barack Obama is a bestselling author. His first book, *Dreams of my Father* was published in 1995. It was reprinted in 2004.
- His second book, *The Audacity of Hope*, was published in October 2006. The book was on the New York Times Best-Seller list for many months.
- Barack is married to Michelle Robinson, whom he met in 1988 while working at a law firm. They were married in 1992 and have two daughters: Malia, born in 1999, and Sasha, born in 2001.
- He is left-handed.
- While he was running for president, he promised his daughters that they could have a dog, whether he won or lost.
- He doesn't like ice cream because he worked in a Baskin-Robbins when he was a teenager.
- He loves to play Scrabble.
- He has read every Harry Potter book to his oldest daughter, Malia.
- His name means "one who is blessed" in Swahili.
- His favorite meal is wife Michelle's shrimp linguini.
- His favorite snacks are chocolate-peanut protein bars.
- He ate snake meat and roasted grasshopper while living in Indonesia.
- He can speak Spanish.
- His favorite drink is iced tea.
- His favorite book is *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.
- His favorite films are *Casablanca* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.
- His favorite music includes Miles Davis, Bob Dylan, Bach and The Fugees.

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