

BARACK OBAMA

Barack Hussein Obama II, well known as Barack Obama, is the 44th President of the United States of America and the first Christian African American to be elected President. He was born on 4th August, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father was an African from Kenya and his mother was an American from Kansas.

His parents separated when he was two years old. Obama lived with his grandparents in Honolulu. Finished High School, he studied at Columbia University in New York and then for three years at Harvard Law School, where he graduated. In June 1989, Obama met Michelle Robinson and they got married on October 3rd, 1992. The couple's first daughter, Malia Ann, was born in 1998, followed by a second daughter, Natasha(Sasha) in 2001. Obama worked as a civil rights lawyer in Chicago and also taught constitutional law at the university of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004. Obama served three terms in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004. He became Senator of Illinois in the Democratic Party from January 4th, 2005 till November 16th, 2008. He began his run for the presidency in February 2007. After a close campaign in the 2008 Democratic Party presidential primaries against Hillary Rodham Clinton, he won his party's nomination, becoming the first major party African American candidate for president. In the 2008 general election, he defeated John McCain and was inaugurated as president on 20th January, 2009.

Here are some lessons in life from the President:

Lesson1: "Learn from your father, even if he wasn't a good one".

Lesson2: "Be there for your family, even if you're not around".

Lesson3: "Manage your time, manage yourself".

Lesson4: "Think".

Lesson5: "Give up smoking(as often as you need to)"

Lesson6: "If you want to avoid disappointing others, don't disappoint yourself".

Obama has tried to give up smoking several times, and said he will not smoke in the White House.

ACTIVITIES:

Answer the following questions.

- 1) Who is Barack Obama?
- 2) When and where was he born?
- 3) Who were his parents?
- 4) Where did he study ?
- 5) What did he become?
- 6) Speak about Obama's family: When and who did he marry? What's his wife and daughters' name?
- 7) When was he elected President of U.S.A. and how was the presidential campaign?
- 8) Do you remember any lessons in life from the President? If yes, you can write a brief comment about one of them.

Composizione di una lettera amichevole.

Write a letter to your American pen-friend, speaking about you, your family, your town, your school, your favourite hobbies, your hopes for the future. Eventually you can end the letter speaking about New York and the American President, Barak Obama.