

## Barack Obama Timeline

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**A. Directions:** Read the story about President Barack Obama.

Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 4, 1961. His parents divorced when he was four, and his mother remarried a man from Indonesia. In 1967, the family moved to Jakarta, Indonesia, where Obama attended grade school for four years. When he was ten years old, he moved back to Hawaii to live with his grandparents.

Obama was a good student, and after he graduated high school in 1979 he attended college. In 1983, he graduated from Columbia University in New York City with a BA in political science. After working for several years, he enrolled in Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1991.

In 1992, Obama married lawyer Michelle Robinson. They have two daughters: Malia was born in 1998 and Sasha in 2001. Unfortunately, both his parents died before the girls were born. His father died in a car crash in 1982, and his mother died from ovarian cancer in 1995. Obama's book *Dreams from My Father* was published in 2005.

In 2005, after serving as an Illinois State Senator from 1997 to 2004, Obama became the junior United States Senator from Illinois. He ran for president and won the presidential election on November 4, 2008. Obama was inaugurated on the steps of the Capitol Building and started his term as President of the United States at noon on January 20, 2009.

**B. Directions:** Fill-in the timeline with the correct events or dates.

2005  
moved back to Hawaii  
elected President

1991  
January 20, 2009  
father died

first child was born  
second child was born  
1967-1971

Date	Event
August 4, 1961	born in Honolulu, Hawaii
* 1967-1971	attended school in Indonesia
1971	* <b>moved back to Hawaii</b>
1982	* <b>father died</b>
1983	graduated with a BA in political science
* 1991	graduated from Harvard Law School
1992	married Michelle Robinson
1995	mother died from ovarian cancer
1998	* <b>first child born</b>
2001	* <b>second child born</b>
* 2005	<i>Dreams from My Father</i> was published
2005-2008	U.S. Senator from Illinois
November 4, 2008	* <b>elected President</b>
* <b>January 20, 2009</b>	Inaugurated President of the USA

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