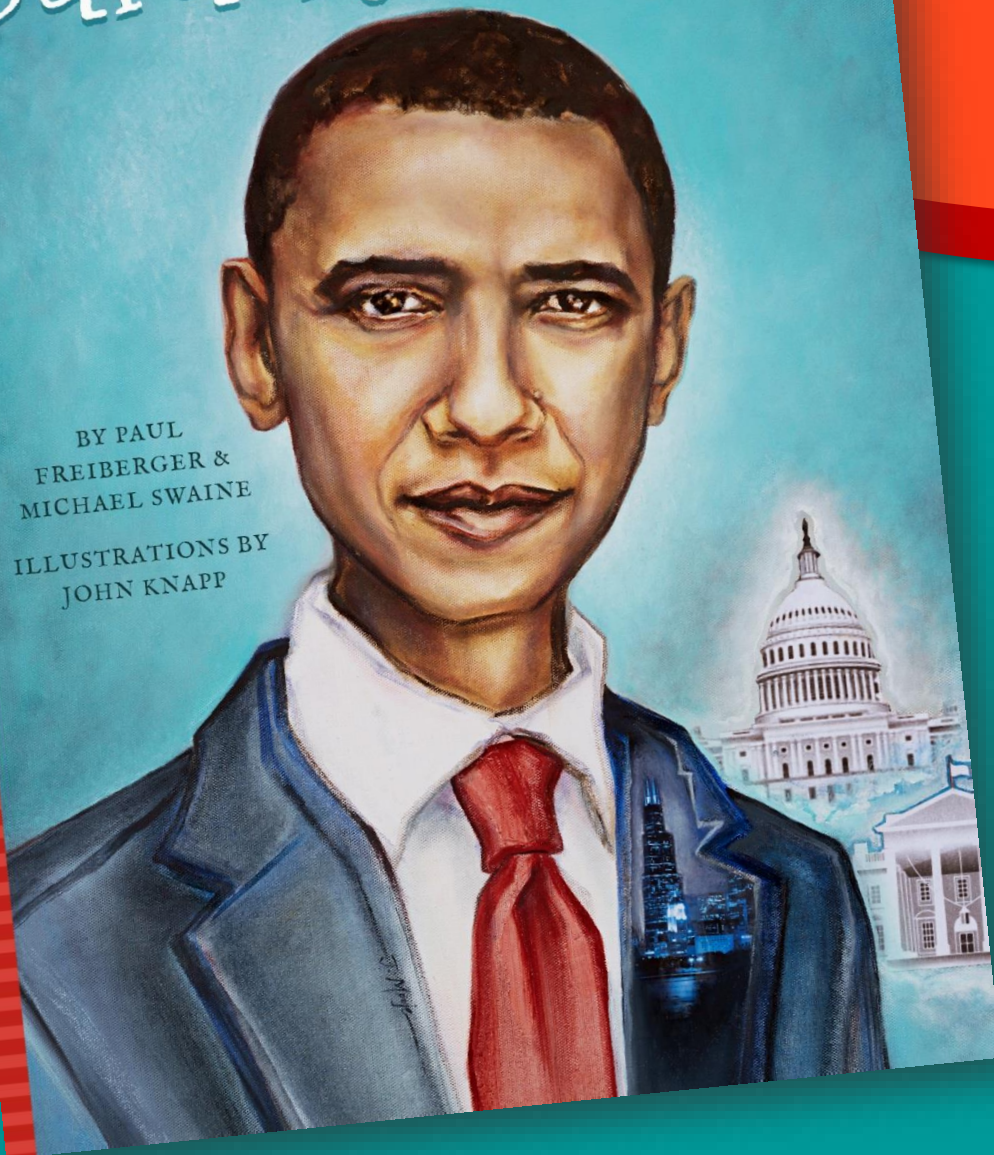


ALL ABOUT Barack Obama

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Teacher's Guide

Including Common Core Standards, Sample Questions, and Activities

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Common Core Literacy Scaffolding Questions

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Note to teachers and parents: The standards listed here are taken from the Common Core Standards: *Grades 6-12, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects* from the subset standards for grades 6-8. The standards listed here are 6-8.1–6-8.10. These Common Core Standards can be viewed in greater detail at this website:

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/>

Some states have decided not to adopt the Common Core standards, but the new state standards are uniformly similar. Teachers who choose to use these questions in a state that has not adopted Common Core standards are encouraged to apply their own state standards to these questions. Teachers who choose to use these questions for grades other than 6-8 can find all of the Common Core standards at: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/>.

Teachers, please note that these questions are designed only to provide a very basic literacy scaffold and to provide examples. There is plenty of room for you to add your creativity and use your expertise to develop “why” questions and to help students make connections to other texts.

The questions below should be answered using a complete sentence and with textual evidence from the reading. The questions for the Preface are answered as examples.

Preface

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What is an example of one of the “firsts” that the presidency of Barack Obama represented?

Sample Answer: Barack Obama “was the first president who was born in Hawaii.”

2. What is one thing that Barack Obama accomplished either before or after his presidency?
Sample Answer: Barack Obama “had written two best-selling books” before he became president.

Chapter One

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. Give one detail about Barack Obama’s father.
2. Give one detail about Barack Obama’s mother.
3. Give one detail about Barack Obama’s relationship with his grandfather, Stan.

Chapter Two

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. Who was Lolo and what impact did he have on Barack Obama’s life?
2. Give one example of something new that Barack Obama experienced when he moved to Indonesia.
3. Give an example of something that Barack Obama learned from his mother, Ann.

Chapter Three

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. Give an example of an important experience that Barack Obama had while living with his grandparents in Hawaii.
2. Give an example of an interaction between Barack Obama and his father, Barack Obama Sr.
3. Why did Barack Obama lose interest in tennis?

Chapter Four

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. Give an example of how basketball influenced Barack Obama.
2. What subjects interested Barack Obama while he was in high school?
3. What role did Barack Obama play in the Hawaiian state basketball championship game?

Chapter Five

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. Give an example of an experience that Barack Obama had when he arrived as a student at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California in 1979.
2. Pick one of Barack Obama's college friends and describe one of his characteristics.
3. After transferring to, and eventually graduating from, Columbia University, what did Barack Obama decide to do?

Chapter Six

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. What was Barack Obama's first job after he finished his education?
2. What was one thing that Barack Obama learned while he was immersed in a mostly black community on Chicago's south side?
3. Give an example of a success that Barack Obama had while working as a community organizer.

Chapter Seven

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. Give one example of how living and working in Chicago affected Barack Obama.
2. What was a core difference between Barack Obama and most of the other African-Americans he met?
3. What was one effect that Barack Obama's trip to Kenya had on him?

Chapter Eight

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. Provide an example that indicates how Professor Tribe felt about his student, Barack Obama.
2. Name one factor that helped Barack Obama become the president of the Harvard Law Review.
3. Give one detail about Michelle Robinson (later Michelle Obama).

Chapter Nine

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. Give an example of a choice that Barack Obama made after he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Law School in 1991.
2. What is one way that Barack Obama's family life changed after 1992?
3. In 2004, what event changed Barack Obama's political life?

Chapter Ten

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What is one challenge that Barack Obama's job as a senator posed for his family?
2. Give one detail about the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain.
3. Analyze the map on p. 83; did President Obama win your state in 2008?

Chapter Eleven

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What is one change that the Obama family made to the White House?

2. Give an example of a major challenge that President Obama and the country faced after he took office?
3. Give one example of how President Obama demonstrated his character and integrity while he was in the White House.

Chapter Twelve

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. What did Barack and Michelle Obama do immediately after leaving the White House?
2. Give an example of one of Michelle Obama's post-White House accomplishments.
3. Give an example of one of Barack Obama's post-White House accomplishments.

Text Analysis Questions

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

Prompt: In 2004, when Barack Obama was a state senator from Illinois, he gave a speech in support of the Democratic nominee for president, Senator John Kerry, at the Democratic National Convention. This speech started Barack Obama's career as a national political figure. Read the passage below and using what you have read in *All About Barack Obama*, give an example of what Obama meant when he said "...in no other country on earth, is my story even possible."

I stand here today, grateful for the diversity of my heritage, aware that my parents' dreams live on in my two precious daughters. I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that, in no other country on earth, is my story even possible.

Tonight, we gather to affirm the greatness of our nation — not because of the height of our skyscrapers, or the power of our military, or the size of our economy. Our pride is based on a very simple premise, summed up in a declaration made over two hundred years ago: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2004/07/27/politics/campaign/barack-obamas-remarks-to-the-democratic-national.html>

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BIDEN

BUSH

CHICAGO

COLUMBIA

DEMOCRAT

DREAM

DUNHAM

ELECTION

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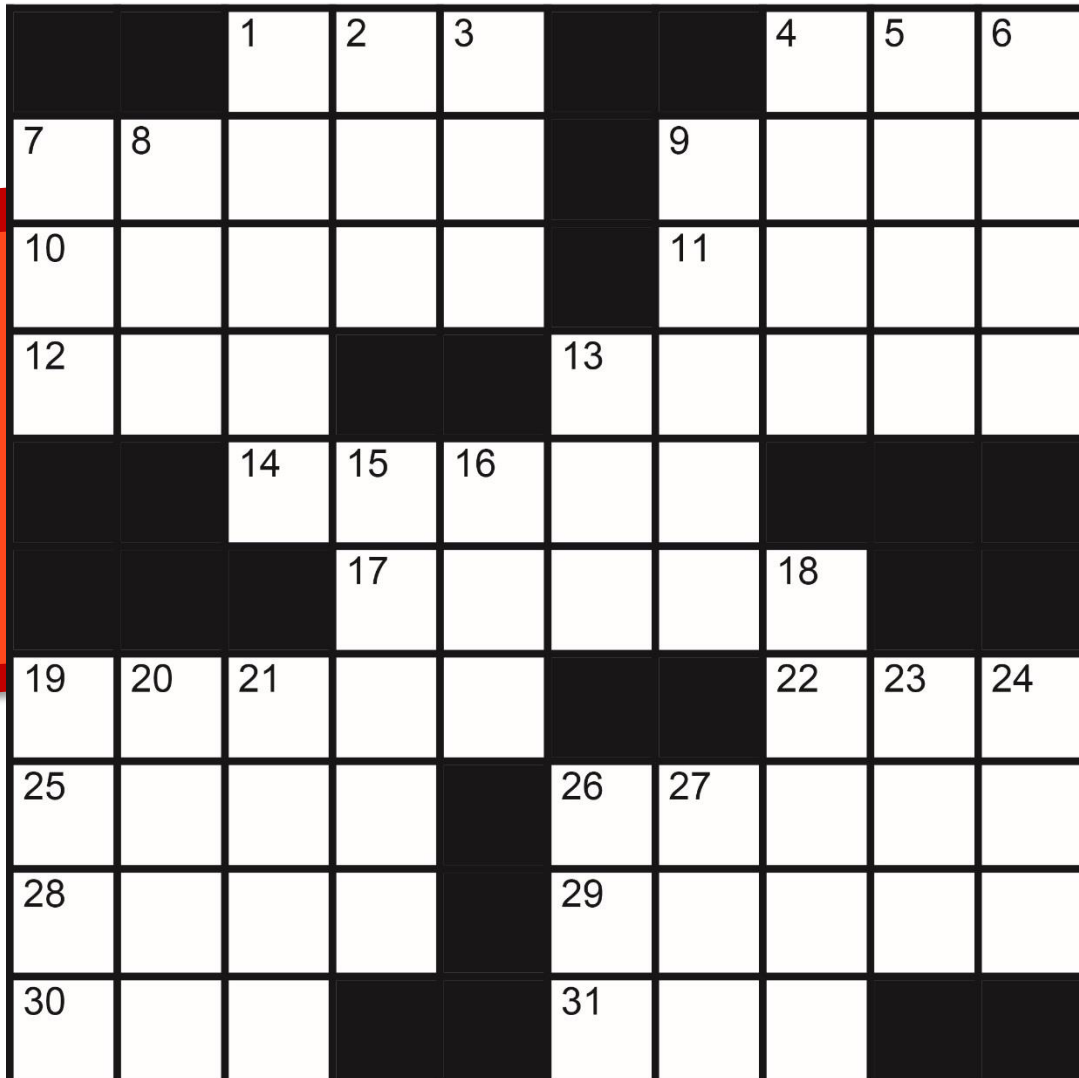
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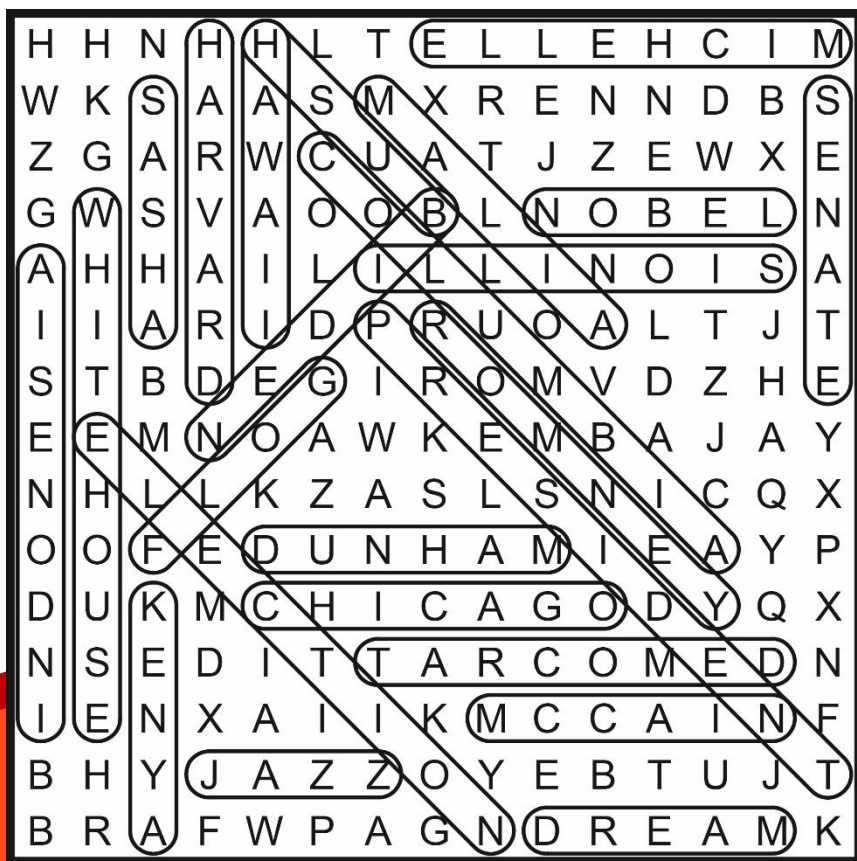


Across

1. Obama's political position before he became president (Abbr.)
4. Drink served hot or iced at the White House
7. Politician's TV ad teaser
9. Burn slightly
10. Breakfast pastry
11. White House kitchen cereal grain
12. "The X-Files" org.
13. An Obama daughter
14. President Lincoln's log house
17. Xbox enthusiast
19. An Obama daughter
22. Sounds of hesitation
25. Military no-show (Abbr.)
26. "On the ____ hand..."
28. Highway division
29. Haunted house noises
30. Mr. Potato Head piece
31. President in the White House before BHO

Down

1. Drive-in fast-food chain
2. Ostrich's cousin
3. "____ so fast!"
4. "Don't try ____ at home"
5. Every single one
6. Kind of telephone code
7. Email attachment file format
8. Steal
9. Tall construction-site machine
13. Person in a computer world
15. Nimble, like a cheerleader
16. Sheep's cry
18. Get-well program, briefly
19. M, on many forms
20. Gone from the White House
21. One and only
23. Egg layer
24. 12th graders (Abbr.)
26. Texter's "Wow!"
27. Stranded motorist's need



All About Barack Obama Answer Key

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