

Biography: **Barack Obama**

Barack Obama was born on 4th August 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His parents were called Ann and Barack. Barack's mother was from Kansas in the USA and his father was from Kenya in Africa.

Following his parents' divorce, Barack's father moved back to Kenya and his mother married a man from Indonesia called Lolo.

At the age of 6, Barack, his mother and new stepfather moved to Indonesia.



Aged 10, Barack returned to Hawaii to live with his grandmother, nicknamed 'Toot', and his grandfather. Barack attended a school called Punahuo, where he enjoyed playing basketball.

In 1981, Barack moved to New York to study politics at the University of Columbia. Following his graduation, Barack worked for a time in Chicago. Barack's father tragically died in a car crash in 1982 and in 1988, Barack took a trip to his father's birthplace, Kenya. Here he met his African step-grandmother, Sarah Obama, and many other relatives.

In 1991, Barack graduated from Harvard Law School. He worked for a while as a lawyer and then a professor.

In 1992, Barack married Michelle Robinson, a lawyer from Chicago. They went on to have two girls, Malia and Sasha. Michelle was later to become the First Lady of the United States.

In 1996 became a senator for Illinois. In November 2008, he was elected the first African American President of the United States.

Barack was sworn into office on 20th January 2009. Barack and his family now live in the Whitehouse in Washington DC, USA. Barack is the 44th President of the United States.