

## US Elections : Barack Obama's biography



▶ What do you know about Barack Obama? Comment these pictures:



▶ Answer the following questions. When you click on the questions you will be sent to English sites where you will find the answers.

 [When was Barack Obama born? How old is he?](http://www.biography.com/featured-biography/barack-obama/index.jsp)

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 [Where was he born? How long did he stay there?](http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1834628_1754197,00.html)

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 [Where did his father come from?](http://www.biography.com/featured-biography/barack-obama/index.jsp)

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 [Where did his mother come from?](http://www.biography.com/featured-biography/barack-obama/index.jsp)


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NAME :

CLASS :


 What is his academic background (Where did Obama study? Did he study in famous universities?)  
<http://www.scoop08.com/obama%2526%2523039%3Bs-academic-background-could-influence-court-picks>


 What did he study and what is his profession?  
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 Give details about his family (wife's name, children)  
[http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1834628\\_1754229,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1834628_1754229,00.html)


 What is his political party  
<http://www.democrats.org/page/dashboard/public/gFdZp>




 Who does he run with?  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7578136.stm>

 During his campaign, Obama delivered a speech on March 18, 2008. What was the speech theme?  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/03/18/obama-race-speech-read-t\\_n\\_92077.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/03/18/obama-race-speech-read-t_n_92077.html)

 Give Barack Obama's main political campaign issues.  
<http://edition.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/>

 Compare the two candidates' ideas on the main political issues  
[http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008/games/candidates\\_stand/issues.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008/games/candidates_stand/issues.htm)


 What happened on November 4th, 2008? [Read the New York Times](#)  
<http://lve.scola.ac-paris.fr/anglais/documents/USElections/The%20New%20York%20Times%20-%20Breaking%20News,%20World%20News%20&%20Multimedia.htm>

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### Follow-up exercises

 [Comment on this political cartoon.](#) (Who is represented? What does he carry on his shoulders? What is the symbol? What is the political message of this cartoon?)  
[http://politicalhumor.about.com/od/barackobama/ig/Barack-Obama-Cartoons/Mountaintop.-Uh\\_.htm](http://politicalhumor.about.com/od/barackobama/ig/Barack-Obama-Cartoons/Mountaintop.-Uh_.htm)

 Prepare John Mac Cain's biography. You can use elements [on this site](#)  
<http://www.biography.com/featured-biography/john-mccain/>

 Test your [knowledge of the United States](#)  
<http://lve.scola.ac-paris.fr/anglais/uselections/quiz.htm>

 The [symbols](#) of US government  
<http://lve.scola.ac-paris.fr/anglais/uselections/symbols.htm>

 The [last ten presidents](#) of the United States of America  
<http://lve.scola.ac-paris.fr/anglais/uselections/presidents.htm>