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Barack Obama Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Directions: Read the paragraphs about Barack Obama. Write your answer to each question on the provided line.

Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961, in Hawaii. His parents got divorced when he was little. When he was five years old, his family moved to Indonesia. When he was ten years old, Barack moved back to Hawaii where his grandfather, who was a soldier, and his grandmother took care of him.

Barack attended Punahou Academy in Hawaii where he was a good student. He was one of only three black students in the entire school. After he graduated from high school, Barack went to college. In 1985, he moved to Chicago and worked helping people who didn't have a lot of money.

Barack went to Harvard Law school to become a lawyer. In 1990, he was elected the first African American editor of the Harvard Law Review. After law school, Barack became a civil rights lawyer and became a teacher who taught about the U.S. constitution.

When Barack became a U.S. Senator he was only the third African American elected to the senate. In 2009, he became the first African American President of the United States of America. In 2013, he was elected President again.

1 - What two countries did Barack Obama live in as a child?

2 - What job did his grandfather have?

3 - Barack was the first African American elected for what two positions?

4 - What job did Barack have that might help him as the President?

5 - How many times was Barack elected President?

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Answer key

- 1 - United States and Indonesia
- 2 - Soldier
- 3 - Editor of The Harvard Review and President of the United States
- 4 - Lawyer or teacher about the U.S. Constitution
- 5 - Two times

