

# STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET I

## LESSON I – OVERVIEW – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTIONS:

Use information from the reading below about President Barack Obama. Create and solve math problems using the dates within the passage. Then take turns solving each other's problems. The problems could be either:

- Addition and subtraction problems about approximately how old President Obama was when various things happened in his life
- Problems about the approximate time differences in years between various events that occurred in his life



President Obama was born August 4, 1961 in Hawaii, the 50th state added to the United States of America. His father was a native of Kenya and his mother was an American citizen, born in Kansas. In 1967 he moved to Jakarta, Indonesia. He graduated from high school with honors in Hawaii in 1979. He graduated from Columbia University in New York City in 1983. He moved to Chicago to work there in 1985. He entered law school in 1988 and became the first African American editor of the Harvard Law Review in February of 1990. He graduated magna cum laude (*with highest honors*) from Harvard Law School in 1991.

After returning to Chicago, he married Michelle Robinson, a successful lawyer, on October 3, 1992 and he worked as a community organizer in the city. He has two daughters. Malia, his oldest daughter, was born July 4, 1998 and Sasha, nickname for Natasha, was born August 10, 2001. Obama has written two books. The first one, *Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, was published in 1995; and, the second one, *The Audacity of Hope*, was published in 2006.

In 1996 he was elected to the Illinois State Senate. In 2000, Obama made an unsuccessful run for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives. In November of 2004, after running for office in the U. S. Senate, he became the third African American in the country's history to become a U.S. Senator.

In February of 2006, he announced his candidacy for President of the United States. He campaigned and won enough votes to be selected as the nominee for the Democratic Party on June 3, 2008. On November 4, 2008, he won the election to become the President of the United States. Then, on January 20, 2009, he took the oath of office and became the President of the United States of America.

**Create 3 problems from the story.** (Example: How long was the time between Barack Obama being elected to the State Senate in Illinois to the time when was elected President of the United States?) Answer:  $2008 - 1996 = 12$  years

Question 1:

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Question 2:

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Question 3:

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