Barack Obama
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Barack Obama was the forty-fourth president of America. His presidency was a great accomplishment for the country. This is because he was the first America president of African American descent.

Mr. Obama was born in the state of Hawaii in 1961. His mother was American, and his father was from the African country of Kenya. His father had come to America to study. He lived in Hawaii and Indonesia as a child. When he graduated high school, he moved to California to attend college.

Mr. Obama eventually graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law School. He used his law degree to help people in the Chicago area. He did work as a civil rights lawyer.

During this time, Mr. Obama met his wife, Michelle. She was also a lawyer. They were married in 1992, and they had two daughters.

It was in 1997 that Barack Obama first entered politics. He won a seat in the Illinois State Senate. This means he worked within the state of Illinois as a part of their government. He was well known for his passion for helping the needy.
In 2005, Mr. Obama moved into a national senate seat. He was a United State Senator from Illinois. He continued his work in helping the poor, including fighting for better programs and healthcare for the needy.

The people of his state liked Senator Obama. In 2007, he made the bold move to run for the democratic presidential nomination. This means he wanted to run for president.

Mr. Obama ran against Hillary Clinton. Mrs. Clinton was also a senator. She was a U.S. Senator from New York. She was also the former First Lady of President Bill Clinton. It was a tough battle, but Mr. Obama won the nomination. He went on to win the Presidential election in 2008. He won re-election in 2012.

Throughout his presidency, Mr. Obama continued his work for the poor. He is well known for his national healthcare program, the Affordable Care Act. This bill was signed into law on March 23, 2010.

Another focus for President Obama was reducing the ill effects of climate change. This means he was concerned about the environment. President Obama wanted to make sure America was doing its part in keeping the planet healthy.

Because of this, in 2016 President Obama joined what is known as the Paris Agreement. This is a treaty between many nations to fight climate change.

President Obama had other victories and defeats as president. He worked to help improve the country’s economy. This means he tried to improve the national job rate and debt rate. He worked hard for what he believed in. Many people look up to him for...
what he did as President.

When Mr. Obama’s term ended, he and his family stayed in the Washington D.C. area. This is where they still live today. He has written books about his life, and he continues to travel the world in order to work for what he believes in.

He will always be remembered for his accomplishments. And he will always hold a great place in history as America’s first African American President.
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In paragraph four, the writer mentions that Mr. Obama used his law degree to help the needy. Paragraph six has a sentence stating that the president was passionate about helping those in need. Paragraph seven mentions Obama's efforts to introduce better health care programs for the needy.

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