

# Black History Month

# MICHELLE OBAMA



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### EARLY LIFE

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### YOUNG ADULT

In her young adult years, Michelle Obama pursued higher education at Princeton and later attended Harvard Law School, both prestigious institutions in the country. Despite facing personal loss with the passing of her father after completing college, Michelle forged ahead in her professional journey. Becoming a lawyer, she dedicated her efforts to professional growth, contributing to institutions such as a college and a hospital. This period marked a significant chapter in Michelle's life as she navigated the challenges of adulthood while actively shaping her career and making impactful contributions to her community.

### FAMILY

Michelle Obama's journey through life took a significant turn when she married fellow lawyer Barack Obama. Together, they formed a family marked by the arrival of two daughters, Malia and Sasha. Michelle, driven by a deep commitment to family, made choices that reflected her values. Balancing career aspirations with the demands of her motherhood, she worked less to prioritize the well-being of her daughters. In this endeavor, Michelle found support not only from her husband but also from her mother, Marian, who played an active role in caring for the girls. Marian's dedication was so profound that she even moved into the historic White House to provide assistance in raising them. As Sasha during Barack Obama's presidency, Michelle Obama Malia and Sasha became symbols of unity and shared responsibility, navigating the complexities of public life while maintaining a strong sense of familial connection.

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### Comprehension Questions

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER.

Michelle Obama born?

- City
- Illinois
- Los Angeles, California
- Texas

Michelle did Michelle and her family face?

- Education
- Financial constraints
- Illness
- Isolation

Michelle did Michelle's mother teach her?

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Science

Michelle did Michelle attend for her?

- Princeton and Yale
- Harvard Law School
- Stanford
- A and Columbia

Michelle did Michelle's significant event occurred after Michelle?

- Got married
- Started working as a lawyer
- Father passed away
- Moved to a different city

Michelle's husband?

- Joe Biden
- George Bush
- Barack Obama
- Bill Clinton

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When Barack won the presidential election, she initiated programs to assist U.S. veterans and their families and worked on promoting education for girls and supporting high school students aspiring to attend college. Michelle aimed to inspire nationwide volunteering through the United We Serve program. She also launched programs in every state to promote healthy living. Her Let's Move! Program encouraged exercise and exploring new sports, while her school lunch initiative focused on making school lunches healthier. Michelle advocated for food companies to produce healthier meals and snacks and cultivated a large garden at the White House.

### TODAY

After serving two terms in the White House, the Obamas transitioned to a new chapter in their lives. Opting to remain near Washington, D.C., until their younger daughter, Sasha, completed high school with her friends, the family eventually settled in Chicago. In this city, they laid the groundwork for the Obama Foundation, an organization aimed at addressing various societal challenges and fostering leadership and positive change.



Michelle Obama, in particular, has remained dedicated to the causes she championed during her tenure as First Lady. Continuing her commitment to education, health, and other social initiatives, she has utilized her platform to advocate for positive change. The Obama Foundation serves as a vehicle for her ongoing efforts to inspire, empower, and unite people in addressing pressing issues facing communities both in the United States and around the world. The Obamas' post-presidential endeavors reflect their continued commitment to public service and making a positive impact beyond their time in the White House.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Comprehension Questions

### DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER.

#### I. Where was Michelle Obama born?

- A. New York City
- B. Chicago, Illinois
- C. Los Angeles, California
- D. Houston, Texas

#### 2. What challenge did Michelle and her family face during her childhood?

- A. Lack of education
- B. Financial constraints
- C. Health issues
- D. Social isolation

#### 3. At what age did Michelle's mother teach her to read?

- A. 2 years old
- B. 4 years old
- C. 6 years old
- D. 8 years old

4. What...

...or her higher education?

## Answers Key

### MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS:

- a. Chicago, Illinois  
(Source: Michelle Obama was born in 1967 in Chicago, Illinois.)
- b. Financial constraints  
(Source: Her father worked very hard even though he was sick. Michelle and her brother, Craig, had to sleep in the living room growing up because they did not have a lot of money.)
- c. 4 years old  
(Source: Michelle's mother taught her to read when she was only four years old.)
- d. Princeton and Harvard Law School  
(Source: Michelle attended Princeton and then Harvard Law School, two of the best schools in the country.)
- e. Her father passed away.  
(Source: Michelle's father died after she finished college.)
- f. Barack Obama  
(Source: Michelle married fellow lawyer, Barack Obama.)
- g. Two  
(Source: Michelle and Barack Obama had two daughters, Malia and Sasha.)
- h. Let's Move!  
(Source: Michelle's Let's Move! Program focused on exercising and trying new sports or activities. Michelle's school lunch program made school lunches healthier.)
- i. 2008  
(Source: Michelle became the 49th First Lady of the United States in 2009 when Barack won the presidential election.)
- j. Chicago  
(Source: The Obamas moved out of the White House after eight years. They moved close by to Sasha could finish high school with her friends.)

### EXPLAINING QUESTIONS:

1. Describe the challenges Michelle Obama faced during her childhood. How did these challenges shape her early experiences?  
Answer: Michelle faced financial constraints during her childhood, leading to sleeping in the living room. Despite this, her mother's influence and early educational experiences formed a foundation for her resilience and intellect.

How many daughters does Michelle have?

When did Michelle start to promote healthy living

in 2008

Now

When did she become the First Lady of the United

When did the Obamas move after leaving the White House?

to the city of Chicago, Illinois.

What are some of the challenges Michelle Obama faced during her childhood?

How did these challenges shape her early experiences?

Describe Michelle's educational journey during her young adult years. What schools did she attend, and how did her father's passing impact her period of her life?

Describe Michelle's professional career as a lawyer. How did she move from the city of Chicago, Illinois, to the White House?

Describe Michelle's family life, including her marriage to Barack Obama. How did the birth of their daughters, Malia and Sasha, impact her life?

Describe Michelle Obama's initiatives and contributions as the First Lady of the United States. How did she use her position to advocate for various causes, including veterans, education, and healthy living?

## MCQ'S & QUESTIONS

## ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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