

# Year 5 Knowledge Organiser: *Why is Obama an inspirational figure?*

## Skills

### **What were the major events in his life?**

- Know and sequence key events of time studied

### **What was his early life like?**

- Study different aspects of different people - differences between men and women

### **What policies did he introduce?**

- Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people

### **How did he inspire people?**

- Begin to identify primary and secondary sources
- Use the library and internet for research with increasing confidence

### **What was his life like after his presidency?**

- Recall, select and organise historical information
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding

## Knowledge

Timeline of key events in his life.

Recount of his early life.

Identify key policies and their impact.

Analyse his speech and public messages.

Select important knowledge after his presidency finished.

# Year 5 Knowledge Organiser: Obama – Why is Obama an inspirational figure?

Essential vocabulary	
<b>President</b>	Head of state and head of government.
<b>Presidency</b>	The term of time which a president serves.
<b>Democracy</b>	A system of government by the whole population.
<b>Politics</b>	The activities associated with governing a country or state.
<b>Political Party</b>	A group of people worked to be in charge of the government.
<b>Senate</b>	An assembly of senior and therefore considered wiser members of society (named after the Ancient Roman Senate).
<b>White House</b>	Residence of the President of the USA.
<b>Memoir</b>	Historical accounts or biography written from personal knowledge.
<b>First Lady</b>	The wife of the President.

Question/Vocabulary	Essential Knowledge
1. Which number resident of the USA was he? Which years did he serve between?	Obama was the 44 <sup>th</sup> President of the USA and served from 2009 – 2017.
2. Which political party was he member of? What was Obama famously first to become?	He was a member of the Democratic party and became the first African-American President of the USA.
3. Where was Obama born? Who are his wife and children?	He was born 4 <sup>th</sup> August in 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His wife is Michelle Obama and his children are named Malia and Sasha.
4. Where and what did he study in 1988?	He studied law and Harvard Law School where he was the first black President of the Harvard Law Review.
5. When did Obama enter the world of politics and how long did he work in the Senate for?	Obama began his career in politics in 1996 and worked in the US Senate for the next twelve years.
6. What did Obama introduce whilst in power?	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 Obama created the White House Council for Women and Girls who advised him on issues surrounding American women and girls.
7. What was the name of his memoirs he released after his presidency?	Obama released the memoir 'A Promised Land' in 2020.



Bridging backwards:  
Year 3 – How did Emmeline Pankhurst become an influential person?



Bridging forwards:  
Year 6 – Alan Turing.