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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following events happened first?
  - (A) Barack became a lawyer.
  - (B) Barack moved to Indonesia.
  - (C) Barack moved to New York City.
  - (D) Barack went to college in Los Angeles.
2. What happened as a result of Barack's speech of hope and peace to the Democratic Party?
  - (A) Many people were inspired.
  - (B) Barack wrote a children's book.
  - (C) Barack ran for governor of New York.
  - (D) All of the above
3. Why did Barack's mother teach him about races and cultural groups?
  - (A) Teachers in Indonesia didn't understand them.
  - (B) He was causing trouble in school.
  - (C) He needed the information for a test.
  - (D) She wanted him to be proud of his background.
4. Read this sentence: *Barack's words **inspired** many people.* What does **inspired** mean?
  - (A) teased
  - (B) comforted
  - (C) made others feel like failures
  - (D) made others feel brave or creative
5. When did Barack first begin to embrace his background?
  - (A) after he was married
  - (B) while studying politics
  - (C) when he went to college
  - (D) when he was elected president
6. Why did Barack decide to go to law school?
  - (A) He did not like his job.
  - (B) He wanted to change unfair laws.
  - (C) People were unhappy with him.
  - (D) He needed more money.

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7. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
  - Ⓐ As a child, Barack was called Barry.
  - Ⓑ Barack went to high school in Hawaii.
  - Ⓒ Barack married a lawyer named Michelle.
  - Ⓓ Barack Obama is the best president ever.
8. How were Barack's parents different from each other?
  - Ⓐ They went to different colleges.
  - Ⓑ They were of different races.
  - Ⓒ His father was from Kenya.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. What is the main idea of the section titled "Getting into Politics"?
  - Ⓐ Barack asked Americans to work together.
  - Ⓑ Barack gave a hopeful speech.
  - Ⓒ Barack entered politics to change laws and help people.
  - Ⓓ In 1996, Barack won a seat in his state's senate.
10. Why do you think Barry started using his Kenyan name, Barack, when he was in college?
  - Ⓐ There were too many people named Barry at his college.
  - Ⓑ He learned to be proud of both his white and black backgrounds.
  - Ⓒ He thought it would make him more popular.
  - Ⓓ He was ashamed of the name Barry.
11. **Extended Response:** Which of Barack Obama's life experiences created his strong desire to help others?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Barack Obama

*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓑ *Sequence of Events*
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4. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Sequence of Events*
6. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should include: any experience Barack Obama had such as being teased as a boy, seeing poverty in Indonesia, or any other experience that relates to a desire to help others.