

Decade Event Notes

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Description	
How it Affected America	
Sources Used	

Sample of Completed Decade Event Notes

Event	Election of Barack Obama
Date	Nov. 4, 2008
Where	Throughout the US
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First African-American to be nominated on a major political party and first to be elected president • 44th President of the US • Ran for nominee against Democrats Hillary Clinton • Ran against Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin • Was US senator from Illinois prior • Selected Joe Biden as his running mate • Known for using the Internet as a campaign tool more than other prior candidates • Campaign slogan: "Change we can believe in" and chant: "Yes, we can!" • Won 365 electoral votes compared to McCain's 173 electoral votes • Won 53% of the popular vote • Promised to move the troops out of Iraq • Supported affordable health care for all • Stood for increasing funding to Head Start and supporting creative methods in teaching • Recruiting of teachers high priority
How it Affected America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial barrier broken for highest office in the country • Prompted discussion on health care
Sources Used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.infoplease.com/us/government/presidential-election-campaign-2008.html • http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/barackobama • <i>Barack Obama: A Leader in a Time of Change</i> by Karen Sirvaltis

Your presentation will be created from your notes. Below is a sample of what a person could say based on the notes:

"Another important event that affected all Americans in the first decade of this century was the election of the first African-American president Barack Obama on November 4, 2008. When he became America's forty-fourth president, he broke the racial barrier for the highest office in this country. Before being elected, Obama beat Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination and then selected Joe Biden to be his running mate. Utilizing the Internet more than any past candidates, they promised reforming health care; bringing the troops home from Iraq; increasing funding to Head Start, the nation's preschool program; and recruiting more teachers. Obama and Biden's campaign slogan "Change We Can Believe In" as well as their campaign chant 'Yes, we can' appealed to Americans. With 53% of the popular vote and 365 electoral votes, they won over Republican candidates John McCain and Sarah Palin."