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1. Explain why Barack Obama would say that to Abraham Lincoln. Do you know who that man in the middle was?

Correction:

......On this cartoon, Barack Obama is swearing in in front of Abraham Lincoln. He is grateful to him because the latter put an end to slavery, which was the beginning of the recognition of Black people as American citizens. Even though they had to fight for their rights for more than a hundred years, African American people in the USA have eventually reached the top of the social ladder. Barack Obama reached the highest function in the USA since he became the first Black president in the USA.

Cartoon: dessin

Swear in : prêter serment

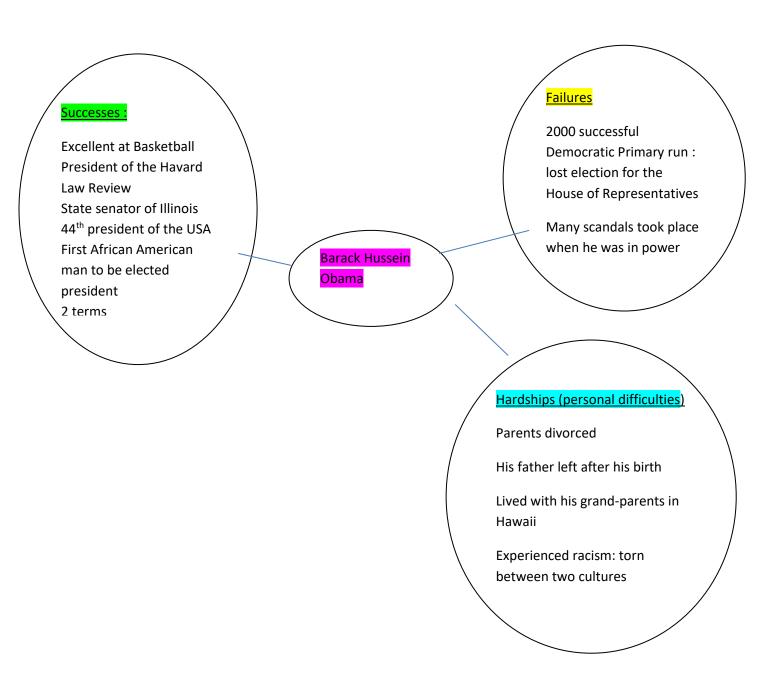
Be grateful to: être reconnaissant envers

Recognition: la reconnaissance

Reach : atteindre Citizen : citoyen

Social ladder : échelle sociale Eventually : finalement 2. Click on the following link and check that website and pick out biographical information and find 2 failures, 2 successes and 2 hardships. Write in your copybook

https://www.biography.com/us-president/barack-obama



<u>Sum up the information found in your copybook or send it to me if you want me to have a look at it</u>

Barack Obama is famous as he was the first African American person to be elected President of the USA and he stayed at the head of America for eight years (he was re-elected). But his life was not without hardships and failures. Indeed his parents got divorced soon after he was born and his father left. He lived with his grand-parents as his mother left to live in Indonesia. He experienced racism. He

failed a lot of elections and many scandals occurred when he was president of the USA but he achieved a lot of successes. He was the president of the Harvard Law review. He was an excellent basketball player. He became a lawyer and a then a state senator of Illinois and did a lot for social life. He also became the third African American elected to the US Senate.