

# Guided Reading Activity

## Obama and Beyond 2008–Present

### Lesson 1 *Obama's First Term*

#### Review Questions: Outlining

**Directions:** Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

#### I. The Election of 2008

**A.** As the 2008 election approached, the \_\_\_\_\_ replaced the war in Iraq as the most important issue for voters.

**B.** Barack Obama's \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2008 presidential election was Joe Biden, whose 35 years of experience in the Senate balanced criticism of Obama's relative \_\_\_\_\_.

**C.** Many Americans opposed President Bush's \$700 billion \_\_\_\_\_ for the nation's financial \_\_\_\_\_ because it seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ those who had been responsible for the financial crisis.

#### II. Financial Meltdown

**A.** During the economic recession, \_\_\_\_\_ slowed, and the world economy shrank.

**B.** In response to the failing economy, Obama signed the \_\_\_\_\_ in February 2009.

**C.** Although there were signs of improvement in the economy, many Americans were uncomfortable with what they viewed as the rapidly-growing role of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the economy.

#### III. Health Care Reform and the Midterm Elections

**A.** Obama's health care plan aimed to \_\_\_\_\_ health care costs, introduce better \_\_\_\_\_ for delivery care, and \_\_\_\_\_ all Americans.

**B.** As the 2010 midterm elections approached, a grassroots movement called \_\_\_\_\_ emerged to protest the Obama administration.

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### IV. Political and Economic Issues

- A. Despite the president’s stimulus plan, the national economy suffered from persistent high rates of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Young people entering the workforce during the recession faced the worst job market since \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In the Supreme Court case *Citizens United v. The Federal Elections Commission*, the Court lifted many of the limits Congress had set on campaign financing, calling them restrictions on \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. For the 21st century economy, \_\_\_\_\_ continues and the world’s economy is increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. Winning a Second Term

- A. Obama won reelection, defeating Republican opponent \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. By the 2012 elections, two-thirds of all Americans were using \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. During the 2014 midterm elections \_\_\_\_\_ regained control of the Senate.

### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What domestic issues did President Obama affect during his first term as president of the United States?

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