Directions: Read the story and answer the questions.
Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961. He finished high school in 1979. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1983 and went to law school from 1988 to 1991. He met Michelle in 1989. He married Michelle in 1992. He became a state senator in Illinois in 1996. His first daughter, Malia, was born in 1998, and Sasha was born in 2001. He became a United States senator in 2004 and become president of the United States in 2008.

   1. When was Barack Obama born?
   2. Which state did Obama serve as a senator?
   2. What is the name of Obama's oldest daughter?

Compare and contrast the skills required to complete the above activity to the skills employed in the tasks below.

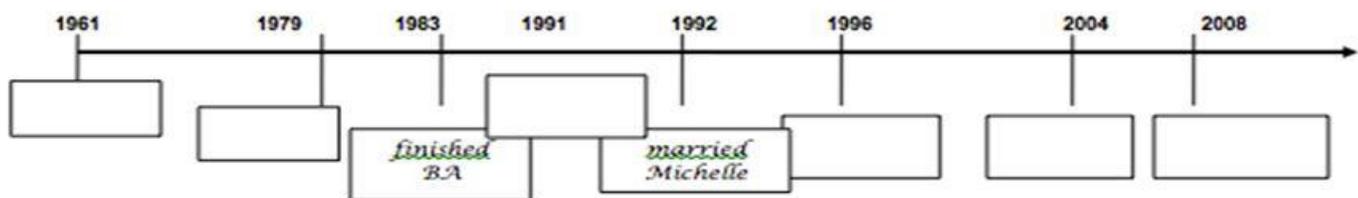**A. KWL: What skills can be tapped by having students complete a pre reading task such as a KWL?**

Directions:
1. Before you read the article about President Obama, think about what you already KNOW about him and write your ideas in the KWL chart.
2. Think about what you WANT to know about the President and add your questions to the chart.
3. Turn to a partner and talk about your ideas.
4. Read the article about President Obama.
5. Write about what you LEARNED in the chart.
6. Turn to a partner and talk about what you learned. Do you still have questions?

What do you KNOW?	What do you WANT to know?	What did you LEARN?

B. TIMELINE: What skills are involved in completing this graphic organizer?

Directions: Work with a partner to complete the timeline of Obama's life.

C. THE RIGHT QUESTIONS: How can asking <u>the right questions</u> allow learners to find evidence to support a claim?

Directions: Are the statements below True or False? Be ready to explain your answers by citing evidence from the article. Talk about your answers with a partner.

1. President Obama started a family right after getting married. True or False? Why?

2. He met Michelle when he was still a student. True or False? Why?

3. He and Michelle started a family before he worked in state politics. True or False? Why?