

ORGANIZE TO WRITE CLEARLY

CCSSW4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

ORGANIZE: The first step to writing is organizing.

Sort these facts about Barack Obama.

Write the number of each of the facts that belong in each category.

Facts about his personal life:

Facts about his career:

Facts about his ideas:

1. elected President of the United States
2. believes that hope is very important
3. the first African American to be elected President of the United States
4. elected United States Senator from Illinois in 2004
5. graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law School
6. wants to end the war in Iraq
7. worked as a community organizer
8. wants less racism
9. worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago
10. elected to the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004.
11. taught at the University of Chicago Law School
12. born in 1961 in Hawaii
13. wants to help more people get jobs
14. has two daughters
15. mother was a Caucasian American
16. father was Kenyan
17. spent a lot of time with his grandparents
18. worked in Chicago as a community organizer
19. he helped set up a job training program
20. he helped tenants (renters) get more rights

WRITE: Write an essay about Barack Obama.
Use some of these facts and facts you know.

What is a main idea for your essay?
