

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Slaves arrived on ships from Africa. When they got to America, men sold them for a lot of money to the plantation farmers.
- 2 Melvinia was a slave girl in the 1800s. Michelle Obama is her great-great-great-granddaughter.
- 3 They understood that education was very important for their children. Marian wanted them to have a good education and taught them to read at home. Both children could read when they were four.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 He was an important African-American civil rights leader. He started the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago.
- 2 They must have very good grades and take a special exam.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*  
**Model answer:** Yes, she was very happy in her years at high school. She was good at sports, but she did many other things too. She sometimes worried about things, for example, when she gave the wrong answer in an exam.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Many of the other students were from rich families and drove expensive cars. Michelle came from an apartment with only two rooms. Some students showed racism towards Michelle.
- 2 She joined a group of ethnic minority students called The Third World Centre.

As part of this group, she ran the day care centre to look after young children and helped older children with their schoolwork.

- 3 She went to law school at Harvard University.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Michelle wanted to be sure that Barack was a good person. Her brother told her, "If you play basketball with someone, you can learn a lot about them."
- 2 She wanted to make the world a better place, but her job did not help her to do this in the way that she hoped. Michelle felt very sad and decided it was time to change her life and leave Sidley Austin.
- 3 **Model answer:** Public Allies trained young people in many parts of the USA to become leaders in public services. Michelle loved working for it, and learned many things about working in the community from it.  
*Reader's own answer.*

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 She worked hard to get money for the campaign, and met important people and gave interviews to the media.
- 2 Michelle felt it was important for Malia and Sasha to stay in Chicago. They were still very young. They did not know anybody in Washington, and they might not be happy at a new school.
- 3 Some people in the media. Michelle was very strong and did not allow anyone to make her feel bad. She said, "When they go low, we go high."

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 It got its name from white paint. There were problems with rainwater going into the building's stones. The workmen were worried that the stones were going to break, so they painted them with a special white paint.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to call it the White House.

- 2 Because many children in America were becoming obese, and she was worried about this.
- 3 She and Jill Biden started a campaign called “Joining Forces”. In this campaign, she wanted to give veterans the opportunity for a better life, and help them find good jobs. She also wanted ordinary American people to learn more about life in the military, so they could understand the veterans better.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because she felt very worried, sad and angry about the schoolgirls in Nigeria. She wanted the American people to know that she and Barack were trying to help the schoolgirls.
- 2 Malala Yousafzai was a schoolgirl in Pakistan. She believes that all girls should go to school. When the Taliban came to her village and closed all the girls’ schools, she wrote about it for a British news organisation. A man from the Taliban shot her in the head, but she did not die. A doctor took her to a hospital in England, and she got better. She has written a book, spoken at the United Nations and today many people around the world know her story.
- 3 Like Malala Yousafzai, Michelle is very interested in education for girls, and thinks all girls should have the opportunity for education. In 2015, she started a campaign called “Let Girls Learn”.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Hillary Clinton.
- 2 She was not sad about leaving the White House. She felt more free because the media were not so interested in her any more. She thought that now she was not First Lady, people would be able to hear her voice

better. She was also happy that her daughters could have a more ordinary life, away from the media. And she wanted to continue with her work for public services.

- 3 Education.

## After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader’s own answers.*
- 2 *Reader’s own answer.*
- 3 *Reader’s own answer.*

**Model answer:** Perhaps Michelle felt people listened to her more when she was not First Lady. Her life was more like their lives. They liked her better when she was an ordinary American woman, and not the rich and famous wife of a president. They might listen more to her words and not be so interested in her clothes.

- 4 *Reader’s own answer.*
- 5 *Reader’s own answer.*

## Exercises

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 d 2 f 3 a 4 b 5 c 6 e

### CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Children in the USA go first to **elementary** school.
- 2 They usually **graduate** from high school at the age of eighteen.
- 3 Michelle worked hard and got excellent **grades**.
- 4 Magnet schools give poorer children the **opportunity** for a better education.
- 5 If children want to **join** a magnet school, they must take a special exam.
- 6 Michelle was **sometimes** worried when she gave the wrong answer in an exam.

## CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 False. Only two American presidents went to Princeton.
- 2 True.
- 3 False. It means “the second-best graduate of a class”.
- 4 False. She was very excited to go to Princeton.
- 5 False. She shared a room with a white girl.
- 6 True.
- 7 False. She went to law school at Harvard University.
- 8 True.

## CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 At the age of twenty-five, Michelle was a **qualified** lawyer.
- 2 Michelle was Barack’s **mentor**, so she had to work closely with him.
- 3 Craig played a game of **basketball** with Barack.
- 4 On their first **date**, Michelle and Barack ate Baskin-Robbins ice cream.
- 5 In March 1991, Michelle’s dad died from an **illness**.
- 6 Public Allies was the name of an **organisation**.
- 7 Young people joined Public Allies because they wanted to help the **community**.
- 8 Michelle was a strong and **confident** young woman.

## CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 5 1 Queen Noor of Jordan **graduated** from Princeton in 1973.
- 2 When Michelle first went to Princeton, her brother **was studying** there.
- 3 In her last year at Princeton, Michelle **wrote** a paper about black graduates.
- 4 When she was working at Sidley Austin, she **met** a new young man.
- 5 When Barack Obama joined Sidley Austin, he **was training** to be a lawyer.
- 6 Michelle **started** Public Allies Chicago.

## CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 6 1 h    2 b    3 f    4 a
- 5 e    6 d    7 c    8 g

## CHAPTER SIX

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| 7 “Let’s Move!”<br><b>campaign</b> | “Joining Forces”<br><b>campaign</b> |
| 1 healthy foods                    | 5 veterans                          |
| 2 obese children                   | 6 job opportunities                 |
| 3 do more sports                   | 7 leaving the military              |
| 4 Beyoncé                          | 8 Jill Biden                        |

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 8 1 b    2 b    3 c    4 c

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 9 1 Barack Obama was president for eight years.
- 2 Michelle wants to do things her own way.
- 3 She has continued to work hard for the community.
- 4 The Obamas enjoy travelling and visiting friends and family.
- 5 Many people want to read Michelle’s book about her life.
- 6 In the second part of the book, Barack becomes president.

## CHAPTERS ONE TO EIGHT

- 10 1 **Hillary Clinton** wanted to be the first woman US president.
- 2 **Michelle Obama** wrote a book called *Becoming*.
- 3 **Marian Robinson** wanted to be a children’s doctor but was not able to go to college.
- 4 **Jill Biden** became the Second Lady in 2009.
- 5 **Oprah Winfrey** had a famous TV programme for twenty-five years.
- 6 **Beyoncé** made a video to help one of Michelle’s campaigns.

## Project work

*Reader’s own answers.*