

## OBAMA ANAK MENTENG

A production of Multivision Plus Pictures

Genre: Drama  
Production Year: 2010  
Producer: Raam Punjabi  
Director: John De Rantau and Damien Dematra  
Duration: 103 Minutes  
Cast: Hasan Faruq Ali, Cara Lachelle

This film is based on the novel written by Damien Dematra.



<http://www.mediaindonesia.com/foto/3072/Novel-Obama>



<http://www.obamaanakmenteng.com/pages/i>

This film study package for teachers is created by Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth ([www.balaibahasaperth.org](http://www.balaibahasaperth.org)) as a learning resource to support students of bahasa Indonesia in Western Australia. It has been created for use in classrooms in conjunction with the 2011 Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth Indonesia Film Festival.

This package contains a range of different activities based on the movie *Obama Anak Menteng*. It is anticipated that you will select activities based on your students' interest and ability and use tasks as appropriate for before and after viewing activities.

## Film Synopsis

Spending his childhood in Indonesia for around four years, Little Barack Obama befriended a company of misfits and street kids in the Menteng area, Central Jakarta until 1970. Little Obama's childhood friends shared stories about friendship to Damien Dematra, who then published a novel. "Little Obama" is a movie adapted from the novel of the same title. The story is based on true events as shared by Obama's childhood friends.

Arriving in the Menteng area approaching the final year of his childhood in Jakarta, Barry or "Little Obama" found himself alienated in his neighborhood. He quickly had an unfriendly encounter with the local street kids, and his only friends were the two brothers who lived next to his house. Being a kid of different color and weird hair did not help either. To make things worse, the 9 year old Barry had to go to school escorted by the effeminate Turdi, one of the domestic helpers in his family.

Barry was challenged to football games in the muddy field. He strived to find friends who would help him win the game, and in doing so, what he found was the strength to be different in the time and place where difference was often deemed as bad. With the help of his tough Indonesian father, and pregnant mother, Barry found his way to accept himself completely, even encouraged his new friends to always take a stand.

"Little Obama" is an inspirational and adventurous children and family movie, exploring themes on friendship, and living in a diverse world. The story of "Little Obama" is to share the fact that even the most ordinary kid from a multicultural background can be a world leader today.

Some suggested activities:

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### Bagaimana Obama?

These adjectives describe how people look or their character.

rajin	gemuk	pandai
nakal	berani	malu
marah	lucu	tampan
ramah	sepi	sombong
tinggi	malas	kurus
gila (bule gila)		

- Add some of your favourite adjectives.
- Use two different colours of highlighters, show which adjectives relate to **physical appearance** and which ones describe a person's **character**.
- Circle the adjectives that apply to young Barry Obama as he was shown in the film *Obama Anak Menteng*.

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Urutkan peristiwa ini dari film 'Obama Anak Menteng' dari awal sampai dengan akhir.  
*Order these events from the film 'Little Obama', from the beginning to the end. (Students cut out cards below and work individually or in pairs.*

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Jawaban (urutan benar dari film):

- 1 Film dimulai dengan Barack muda - atau "Barry" naik mobil dari bandara ke rumah baru dia.
- 2 Dia berkenalan dengan dua anak laki-laki dekat rumah dia.
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\*Suggestion to extend task

Students write 5 sentences on cards of their own life events (in Indonesian of course) and give to other students to put in order.

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### **Asalnya dari mana?**

As a boy, Barak Obama experienced the cultures of America, Africa and Indonesia. He lived and went to school in America (Hawaii) and Indonesia (Jakarta) and although he never lived in Africa, his father was from Kenya.

Think about the benefits and problems for a child getting to know more than one culture (language, food, customs, sports, etc) as s/he grows up. List the advantages and disadvantages on a T chart.

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### **Timeline (1)**

Match these events with the year they occurred.

or

Research the year for each of these events.

or

What significant event in Barak Obama's life occurred in each of these years. Create

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| 1961 | Lahir di Honolulu, Hawaii, AS.                           |
| 1966 | Pindah ke Jakarta, Indonesia.                            |
| 1969 | Bertemu dengan Slamet dan Yuniar (Yuni).                 |
| 1970 | Adiknya Maya lahir di Jakarta.                           |
| 1971 | Kembali ke Honolulu dan tinggal bersama nenek dan kakek. |
| 1979 | Masuk universitas di Los Angeles lalu New York.          |
| 1995 | Menikah dengan Ibu Michele.                              |
| 1998 | Anaknya Malia lahir.                                     |
| 2001 | Anaknya Sasha lahir.                                     |
| 2008 | Menjadi Presiden Amerika Serikat.                        |

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**Timeline (2)**

Draw a timeline and add these events. If you add photographs, remember to acknowledge the source, for example



Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ann\\_Dunham\\_with\\_father\\_and\\_children\\_\(enhanced\).jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ann_Dunham_with_father_and_children_(enhanced).jpg)

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**Timeline (3)**

Quiz based on the people, places, dates and events shown in the timeline. Questions and answers in Indonesian. In groups, pairs, or individually, students write questions (and answers) that contribute to a class quiz.

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**Timeline (4)**

Write a newspaper report about Barak Obama's life. In addition to the events and places of his life story, tell the reader something about his character and the people he was close to growing up.

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**Kenangan dari masa kecil (1)**

If you could ask Mr Obama about his childhood in Indonesia, what would you ask? Think about his family life, his friends, the games, hobbies and sports he enjoyed and the school he attended. Write three questions that you would include in your interview with Mr Obama.

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**Kenangan dari masa kecil (2)**

According to the film *Obama Anak Menteng*, the people and events in Barak Obama's childhood in Indonesia helped him to become a strong leader. List the lessons that Obama learned as a child and the person or people who helped him learn this lesson.

Which three lessons do you think were the most important? Why?

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**Kenangan dari masa kecil (3)**

According to the film *Obama Anak Menteng*, the people and events in Barak Obama's childhood in Indonesia helped him to become a strong leader.

What about you? Who has taught you a valuable lesson? Your mother? Your father? A brother or sister? Someone else in your family? A friend? Your school? Tell the story of the lesson you learned.

## Other Tasks

Prepare a cartoon story or a storyboard for a TV program that tells your story. Use pictures or photographs and lots of dialogue. (Middle childhood/Early adolescent learners))

or

Describe an important event from your childhood that has had a positive influence on the development of your character.

(How old were you? What happened? Who was involved? How did you initially feel? Did your feelings change over time? What did you learn? How did this event make you a better person?)

(Late adolescent learners)

and/or

Tell your story in an audio-visual presentation.

### Some useful weblinks for Obama Anak Menteng

<http://www.obamaanakmenteng.com/pages/id/beranda>

The film's official website

<http://www.damiendematra.com/about%20me.htm>

Homepage of the author of the book Obama Anak Menteng from which the film was made

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/video/political-punch-little-obama-indonesia-12160688>

Interview in English with Damien Dematra

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/38395838/Resensi-Obama-Anak-Menteng-by-Car-is-Sa>

Review of the book Obama Anak Menteng

<http://indonesiabuku.com/?p=4629>

'Obama Anak Menteng', Novel Masa Kecil Barry

<http://indonesiabuku.com/?p=7742>

Buku tertebal di dunia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obama\\_Anak\\_Menteng](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obama_Anak_Menteng)

Lagu tema - *Aku ingin terbang tinggi*



<http://www.radar-bogor.co.id/index.php?id=63991&rbi=berita.detail>



<http://matanews.com/2010/11/10/buku-tertebal/>