

A close-up portrait of Barack Obama, smiling and looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie with a subtle pattern. The background is dark and out of focus.

Today in History

November 4, 2008

▲ **Barack Obama became the first African-American to be elected President of the United States, winning a decisive victory over John McCain**

1918: Wilfred Owen, whose poetry deplores the cruelty of war, was killed in action in the final days of World War I

1998: Osama bin Laden was indicted for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania

2003: The sun unleashed the biggest solar flare ever recorded, twice as big as the previous record flare

2017: Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman arrested over 40 princes in a corruption crackdown