



**7. What other countries will Obama visit on his trip?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Why do you think Obama went on this trip? Where would you choose to go if you were running for president and why?**

**2. How might Maliki's remarks about Obama's plans for Iraq affect the debate in the 2008 presidential election?**

**3. Chose either Obama or McCain's approach to Iraq and Afghanistan to critique. What are the pros and cons of that candidate's plan?**

**4. Do you think Obama's popularity in Europe will help him or hinder him with American voters? Should the opinion of people who aren't Americans be considered by citizens who vote in American elections? Why or why not?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra ([extra@newshour.org](mailto:extra@newshour.org)). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.