we are in busy world and so we don’t have time to read ramayana.if you ask your grand parents they will say reading ramayana gives peace of mind .they have time to read full version but we don’t. so in the fast world we can enjoy same pleasure as old people gets by reading short form of ramayana.here we have short form

RAMAYANA: Kosala was a very beautiful kingdom in ancient India. Ayodhya situated at the bank of sarayuu river was its capital. King Dhasaratha belonging to great “RAGHVAMSHA” ruled his kingdom in very prosperous manner. People were happy but over the period king doesn’t, because three queens 1.kausalyai,2.kaikeyi,3.sumithra doesn’t borne him a son. So he decided to perform yagha as per the advice of guru Vasishatha. From the fire of yagha there emerged a holy being, he gave Dhasaratha a payasa and told him to give it to his queens and they would bear him babies. King distributed payasa among the queens. In mean time four sons were born. Eldest one Lord Rama was born to kausalya and Bharatha to kaikeyi ;Laksmana and Shaturguna to sumithra. they learnt Vedas, war arts and everything before they were sixteen.

Guru vishwamithra came to ayodhya and told Dhasaratha about the sacrifice he was performing and demanded king to protect sacrifice since rakshasas obstructing it. King told to take his army and even himself. but sage demanded only Rama. King hearing his demand fainted. when he recovered pleaded sage to leave Rama and take anyone other than him. Sage doesn’t changed his mind. Guru vasistha convinced King by saying that it is for Rama’s good well, vishwamithra selected him. As Rama was asked to go with Sage Vishwamithra ,laksmana also followed both. They crossed Rivers sarayu and ganga. Then they reached desert. Rama asked sage while it was fertile land so far why suddenly changed into desert. sage replied that there Raksha tataka was living and she killed many people and because of her only land changed into desert. Vishwamithra told Rama to kill tataka. He lifted his bow, vibration in the string of bow echoed throughout the fores. tataka heard it and came towards Rama throwing stones. But Rama’s arrow strike her body deeply so that she fallen dead. Vishwamithra was happy with brothers’ sincerity and thought them secrets of divine weapons. Then they reached sage’s hermitage and started sacrifice; while Rama and Laksmana guarded sacrifice centre. Suddenly they found sons of tataka with group of rakshas. They killed all of them but marich escaped with wounds. sacrifice completed on sixth day. Vishwamithra became happy and invited them to mithala, where king Janaka was performing bow yagha. Brothers agreed and proceeded to mithala where princess Sita was resided. when they reached mithala, king janaka told that if Rama lifts Lord Siva’s Bow then sita can have Rama as her lord.Viswhamithra directed Rama through his eyes. Rama lifted bow effortlessly and even he strung it. Bow broke with great sound.Dhasaratha was invited to mithala. Marriage ceremony Sita and Rama was arranged in great manner along with Rama’s brothers were married to Sita’s sisters. Then Vishwamithra first left the party to Himalayas and then FOUR COUPLES returned to Ayodhya.

Bharatha and shaturguna left ayodhya to their grandfather’s place as a visit. Days rolled on one day king Dhasaratha realised it is time to install Rama as next successor. He discussed the matter in council of ministers everybody is happy to receive valiant and noble Rama as their King.Expect Manthara-kaikeyi’s maid she want Bharatha to be made King.so she went straight to Kaikeyi and told this news,Kaikeyi became extremely happy, because her love towards Rama is much more than that towards Bharatha. Manthara started polluting kaikeyi’s mind but no effect,Kaikeyi told“I know my Rama”. then manthara told about Kausalya that she will become queen mother and kaikeyi won’t and concluded that Kausalya may banish kaikeyi out of ayodhya but kaikeyi now told “you may be right”.Kaikeyi asked how we can ask Bharatha to be installed since king dhasarath won’t agree. Manthara recollected kaikeyi about boons she got for saving Dhasarath in war. Kaikeyi decided to use them now. She started making false appearance by crying and tearing her clothes, when Dhasaratha came inside Kaikeyi’s room. Dhasaratha asked what is matter,Kaikeyi didn’t opened her mouth.when Dhasaratha asked again she told that she want to use the boons which Dhasaratha gave already. Dhasaratha nodded his head.she asked Bharatha to be installed as successor and Rama to be exiled to forest. Dhasaratha agreed for making Bharatha a king but with tears in his eyes asked in low voice to leave Rama saying that he is Dhasaratha’s life and everything. but Kaikeyi didn’t moved from her decision. Dhasaratha fell down crying. In the hall of coronation everybody waited for long time but Dhasaratha didn’t came so minister sumantra went to Kaikeyi’s room to know what was happening. Kaikeyi stood before room and asked Sumantra to call
Rama. As this information reached Rama, he rushed towards Kaikeyi’s room and there he found his fathers shedding tears. He asked kaikeyi what has happened. Cunning Kaikeyi told about boons she has asked. And told that if he and his father uphold truth, then fulfill the boons. But Rama doesn’t feel bad to go to forest. King Dhasaratha called on Rama and told that if he leaves king, King will go to heaven. And requested Rama to, not to desert his Father. Rama replied that we have to live according our Dharma and so he will help his father to fulfil boons. Then he went to Kausalya. Kausalya reluctantly allowed Rama to leave and blessed him. When Rama told matter to Sita rani and his Brother Laksmana. They told that they will follow Rama. Rama read their heart in their eyes and allowed them to follow. Rama, Sita, Laksmana paid final visit to King Dhasaratha before leaving to forest. Then they all changed into robe dress. Chariot was arranged to leave them at boundaries of kingdom. Some people started following them, then Rama turned towards people and told them to return back to ayodya; Rama asked people to show same love and respect towards Bharatha. In the forest, they met Guhan (forest king) and stayed with him for a day. After that in their journey, they reached prayag where ganga and Yamuna met there they met Sage Bharawaj and asked for his suggestions of places to live. Sage suggested Chitrakuta which was across Yamuna and nearby which one can see fruits, flowers and waterfalls. Then they went to Chitrakuta. Laksmana built hut by the river Mandhakini. Days passed by, one day Bharata came to forest wearing robes. Bharata met Rama in the hut. Rama asked two questions. 1. Why are you in robes? 2. How is our father? Bharatha answered directly to second question. Bharatha told Rama that Dhasaratha couldn’t tolerate separation from his beloved son Rama and died crying “RAMA RAMA...”. Rama hearing his father’s death gave holy waters in names of his Father. And asked Bharatha to answer first question; Bharatha told that one who was authorised as a first son to climb throne was wearing robes how he can wear royal dress. And Bharatha offered Rama a king dress and told Rama to rule country. Rama replied that he want follow dharma by giving respect to boons given by his father to his mother kaikeyi. Finally he convinced Bharatha to rule country. Bharatha requested Rama to give his sandals so that he put those in throne as a symbol of Rama’s authority and rule country in place of Rama. Bharatha returned to Aydhoya with heavy heart. Then Rama, Sita and laksmana went Dandhaka forest where he killed viradharamon. Thereby he saved many sages in that region who were disturbed by this demon. Later Rama called on sage Aghastha who suggested Rama to go Pandavati. They agreed and went to Pandavati, there they met eagle king Jatayu (FRIEND OF King Dhasaratha). Then Laksmana built asramam on banks of river Godhavari.

They spent many days in panchavati; then comes turning point in Ramayana; Soorpanakha, sister of demon king Ravana roamed around the forest, once she found Rama in panchavati and fell in love at the first sight. When she approached Rama, Rama replied negatively and directed her towards Laksmana. When Laksmana also neglected, she got angry and ran towards Sita. She thought that killing Sita clears way for her love towards Rama. Rama sensing danger for Sita, asked Laksmana to save her. He ran towards Soorpanakha and cutted her nose. Soorpanakha ran out crying. Soorpanakha returned with her raksha brothers dhasana and khara. Rama killed all demons. But Soorpanakha escaped to Lanka and reported to Ravana-the demon king. Ravana got angry and planned to abduct Sita in tit for tat fashion. He asked maricha to become golden deer and went to panchavati. Maricha as deer went around Sita. Then Rama asked Rama to bring that deer for her. Rama left Sita in protection of Laksmana. Rama found maricha in disguise as deer. Rama killed maricha. Maricha while dying cried out in voice of Rama “LAKSMANA... SITA...”. Sita sensing danger for Rama sent Laksmana forcibly to save Rama. Laksmana left Sita reluctantly. As soon as Laksmana left, Ravana came to Rama’s asram as sage and abducted Sita. While Ravana returning to Lanka, Jatayu prevented abduction. Ravana had brief encounter with Jatayu while he lost his flying horses and chariot and then flew away with Sita. In meanwhile Laksmana met Rama, Rama asked why he let Sita alone and then they hurried back to ashram; Sita is not there and Rama asked flowers, trees where was his wife Sita. Then he asked deers nearby they pointed southwards; so they proceeded southwards. In their journey they saw Jatayu dying and Jatayu told about his encounter with Ravana and Sita’s abduction. Then they crossed lake pampa and reached mountain Rishyamuka. There they met GREAT VEER HANUMAN. Hanuman came in disguise and asked them who they were. Laksmana answered his question. Hearing the answer Hanuman showed his true color and told that he was a minister of Sugreeva. He asked Rama to help Sugreeva to win over his brother Bali; because of him Sugreeva lost his wife. Rama met Sugreeva. They came into deal, that is Rama will help Sugreeva to become king by killing his brother while interum sugreeva will help to find Sita. Soldiers of sugreeva told Rama that
they have seen Sita being carried away by ravana and they showed Sita's jewels which have fallen. Rama seen jewels and broke into tears. Then Rama killed Bali with his arrow. Then Sugreeva called monkey army to search for Sita. While Hanuman was about to leave, Ram gave him a Ring to show Sita that he was Rama’s messenger. Hanuman along with Jambhavan(eldest bear), Angada(crown prince Of monkey kingdom) set out southwards. They went long way towards south and they reached Indian ocean. By that time Sampati the brother of Jatayu came there and asked monkey soldiers whether they are looking for Sita. Sampati told them that Ravana took her to Lanka. Lanka is on other side of ocean. Jambhavan told Hanuman that only man to cross ocean was him only and asked him to resume journey. Hanuman crossed Ocean and broke the defence of Lanka city. In the vast city of Lanka Hanuman searched for Sita; He searched in palace, house and almost everywhere but he couldn’t find anyone matching identification told by Rama about Sita Rani. Finally in Asoka vana he rested on a tree, there he saw Sita crying and thinking only about Rama. Suddenly, Ravana came to Sita and asked her to obey his commands but Sita stood bold and replied that in her heart only Rama lives. After ravana left, Hanuman sang Rama’s praises and stood before Sita. Sita asked about him. Hanuman showed Ring that Rama gave and told that he was Rama’s messenger. Sita asked about Rama’s wellness and when Rama was coming to kill ravana and to take her back. Hanuman replied “mother so far my Lord doesn’t where you are, I will go inform him; he will come at once don’t worry my mother”. Sita gave one of her jewel to Hanuman for giving it to Rama. Then Hanuman while leaving killed many soldiers of Lanka so he was taken to ravana. ravana ordered to set Hanuman tails to fire. Hanuman with this fire burnt parts of Lanka. Hanuaman happily went to Rama and gave Sita’s jewel. Hanuman told Rama that Sita was thinking only of You and she was eager to see you. Rama with monkey army started to conquer Lanka. They reached shores of Indian ocean. They don’t know how to cross ocean. Rama prayed Lord ESWAR. And then LORD ESWAR himself showed some guidelines by which Bridge was built. That place became Rameswaram. In meantime Vibeeshna(brother of ravana) being neglected by ravana(since he advised ravana to return Sita to Rama) reached Rama and requested for shelter. Rama knows to love one from enemy camp also; so Rama accepted him and from him Rama came to know strengths of enemy. Monkey army crossed ocean; big battle began. First Rama’s force met Indrajit (son of ravana) led army. First day itself showed sign of decline of ravana’s era. But suddenly indrajit shot snake arrows on Rama and Laksmana. They two fallen unconscious. Soon Garuda came and released both from that pain. In another attempt indrajit used brahmastra to kill Lukmsana. Since Lukmsana fallen speechless, Hanuman bought Sanjeev mountain. Herbs in those mountain brought back Lukmsana’s life. In next battle Lukmsana killed Indrajit while Indrajit trying to do yagha(to make him stronger).

Ravana himself came to battlefield, in strong and tough battle between Rama and ravana. Ravana lost all his troops and weapons. Rama told ravana that he won’t fight one striped of his weapons and he said “you can go today and come tomorrow with your weapons”. Ravana went into palace with shame. Then he awakened his brother kumbakerna from his sleep (he used to sleep for months together) and asked him to fight. Great Rama killed Kumbakerna also. Ravana again came to battlefield fought to his level best, but Rama when started using his divine weapons(sudharsana chakra) ravana fell dead. There ends ravana’s era. Devas praised Rama victory. Rama made Vibeesana the king of Lanka. Then he met Sita in asoka vana. Their reunion made everybody in Rama’s side happy. Then in PUSHPAK VIMANA THEY FLEW TO AYODHYA HAPPILY. there Bharata welcomed the couple at city gates. AFTER THAT CORNATION OF RAMA TOOK PLACE.

RAMA BECAME KING OF AYODHYA AND RULED OVER HIS KINGDOM FOR WELFARE OF HIS SUBJECTS.