

MICHAEL JACKSON



I.- Complete the story with verbs in simple past.

American superstar Michael Jackson _____(be) born in Gary, Indiana, on August 29, 1958. He _____(entertain) audiences nearly his entire life. In 1964 Michael _____(begin) to perform with his brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.

A musical prodigy, Michael's singing and dancing talents _____(be) amazingly mature, and he soon _____(become) the dominant voice and focus of The Jackson 5. They _____(sing) songs like "I Want You Back," "ABC," and "Never Can Say Goodbye."

Solo success for Michael _____(be) inevitable, and by the 1980s, he _____(become) infinitely more popular than his brotherly group. He _____(sell) millions of records, culminating in the biggest-selling album of all time, "Thriller" in 1982. A TV natural, he _____(play) some roles in films, such as playing the Scarecrow in The Wiz (1978), but He _____(have) much better luck with elaborate music videos.

He _____(marry) Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis Presley's daughter and the _____(get) a divorce a few months later. He _____(have) three children with his second wife

Michael _____(die) on June 25, 2009, at age 50, just as he _____(be) coming out of a four-year reclusive period and rehearsing for a sold-out London concert "comeback" in July, seems uncommonly cruel and tragic. Michael Jackson's passion and artistry as a singer, dancer, writer and businessman are unparalleled.

II.- Answer the questions about the reading

- 1.- Who was Michael Jackson? _____
- 2.- Where was he born? _____
- 3.- When was he born? _____
- 4.- What was the biggest selling album of all times? _____
- 5.- Who did he marry? _____
- 6.- How many children did he have? _____
- 7.- When did he die? _____

III.- Write true or false. Justify when it is false.

- 1.- He was the dominant voice of "The Jackson 5"

T F _____

- 2.- He married Elvis Presley

T F _____

- 3.- He was born on May 29, 1968

T F _____

- 4.- He played the Scarecrow in The Wiz in 1978.

T F _____

- 5.- He died at age 60

T F _____

III.- Match the facts about Michael Jackson.

- 1.- His brothers () Lisa Marie Presley
- 2.- His biggest selling album () Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.
- 3.- His first wife () Thriller