

Listening Activity #1

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1. But I'm here in my mold
2. You know the one that takes you to the places where all the veins meet, yeah
3. 'Cause it's a bittersweet symphony, that's life
4. I need to hear some sounds that recognize the pain in me, yeah
5. I can change, I can change
6. I'll take you down the only road I've ever been down
7. (Have you ever been down?)
8. From one day to the next
9. I am here in my mold
10. Tryna make ends meet, you're a slave to money then you die
11. But I'm a million different people
12. No change, I can change
13. I let the melody shine, let it cleanse my mind, I feel free now
14. Well, I've never prayed but tonight I'm on my knees, yeah
15. No, no, no, no, no
16. But the airwaves are clean and there's nobody singin' to me now
17. I can't change my mold

Listening Activity #2

Gapfill exercise

Michael Jackson was an American _____ and dancer. He was one of the top performing artists in the world, and he is remembered as a _____ icon of the 1980s. Jackson was born in 1958 in Gary, Indiana. He began his career at six years old, when he started performing with his family members in a pop group called the Jackson 5. The Jackson 5 was very popular throughout the 1970s. In 1979, Jackson _____ his first solo album, *Off the Wall*. His solo music made him even more _____—especially his 1982 album *Thriller*, which became the best-selling album in the world. He later gained the nickname “The King of Pop”. Throughout his life, Jackson released ten albums. He died in 2009, at age 50.

1. Michael Jackson began his career at age
 - a. six
 - b. eight
 - c. ten
2. Jackson's best-selling album was
 - a. *Off the Wall*
 - b. *The Jackson 5*
 - c. *Thriller*
3. “The King of Pop” was
 - a. the nickname that Jackson gained for his musical achievements
 - b. the first solo album that Jackson released
 - c. the name of the first pop group that Jackson was a part of

Listening Activity #3

Gapfill exercise

The Lord of the Rings is a _____ of fantasy novels by English author J. R. R. Tolkien. Tolkien wrote the series after the success of his original fantasy novel, *The Hobbit*, which is now described as a prequel. The series has three volumes, which Tolkien began writing in 1937 and _____ in 1954. The books are known for their extensive worldbuilding. They contain invented _____ and centuries of fictional history. For this reason, Tolkien's stories are some of the most _____ and influential works in the fantasy _____. Tolkien was inspired by Germanic folklore, as well as the principles of Catholicism. The stories can be read as religious allegories.

Comprehension questions

See answers below

1. *The Lord of the Rings* is a
 - a. fantasy series
 - b. mystery series
 - c. religious text
2. *The Hobbit* is
 - a. the first volume in the series
 - b. a prequel to the series
 - c. a sequel to the series
3. Tolkien's writing contains allegories for the principles of
 - a. Catholicism
 - b. Judaism
 - c. Anglicanism

Listening Activity #4

Write the four directions of the audio

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-

Listening Activity #5

Write the sentences of each dictation

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- 2/
- 3/
- 4/

Listening Activity #6

Write a summary of the story