

MICHAEL JACKSON

I. Read the text and write the past of the verbs in parenthesis.

Michael Jackson was born on August 29th, 1958. He was born in Gary, Indiana, an industrial suburb of Chicago. He _____ (be) and is known as the "King of Pop". He was an American musician. He _____ (start) a solo career in 1971. His 1982 album *Thriller* remains the best-selling album of all times. He _____ (popularize) dance moves, such as the robot and the moonwalk. He _____ (be) very successful in his music career. He _____ (win) 13 Grammy Awards. He _____ (earn) millions of dollars and _____ (donate) them to charities. In the 1980's Michael's skin color started to change because of a disease called vitiligo, and that _____ (be) a shock for everyone. He _____ (get) married twice, first in 1994 with Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis Presley's daughter and again in 1996 with Deborah Jeanne Rowe, a dermatology nurse. Michael _____ (have) three children. He _____ (die) in 2009, it is said that an overdose of the pain killer Demerol _____ (be) the cause of his death but it is not confirmed.



II. Answer the questions based on the text. Use complete answers.

1. Who was Michael Jackson? _____
2. When was he born? _____
3. When did he start his career? _____
4. What sort of career was it? _____
5. What was the name of his first album? _____
6. What did he popularize? _____
7. How many Grammy Awards did he win? _____
8. What did he do with the millions of dollars he earned? _____
9. When did Michael's skin color start to change? _____
10. How many times did he marry? _____
11. Who is Lisa Marie Presley? _____
12. What does Deborah Jeanne Rowe do? _____
13. How many children did he have? _____
14. When did he die? _____

III. Match the word to its definition.

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| a. Dermatology | _____ A usually residential area or community outlying a city. |
| b. Pain killer | _____ A male sovereign. |
| c. Thriller | _____ A suspenseful, sensational story or film. |
| d. Suburb | _____ Provision of help or relief to the poor; something given to help the needy. |
| e. King | _____ Medical specialty dealing with diseases of the skin. |
| f. Charity | _____ An analgesic, member of the group of drugs used to relieve pain. |