

# 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? \_\_\_\_\_
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- 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