Name:_____

Biography of
MICHAEL JACKSON

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

American superstar Michael Jackson ___was___(be) born in Gary, Indiana, on August 29, 1958. He entertained (entertain) audiences nearly his entire life. In 1964 Michael ___began___ (begin) to perform with his brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.
A musical prodigy, Michael's singing and dancing talents ___was___(be) amazingly mature, and he soon ___became___(become) the dominant voice and focus of The Jackson 5. They ___sang___(sing) songs like "I Want You Back," "ABC," and "Never Can Say Goodbye.

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

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

Michael ___died___(die) on June 25, 2009, at age 50, just as he ___was___(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.

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II.- Answer the questions about the reading.Look above for the underline words in RED
Please check your spellings and do not paraphrase.

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.- true or false.

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

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2.- He married Elvis Presley

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3.- He was born on May 29, 1968

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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. Pick 1, 2 or 3

1.- His brothers ( ) Lisa Marie Presley

2.- His biggest selling album ( )Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.

3.- His first wife ( ) Thriller

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