MICHAEL JACKSON

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THE READING / TAPESCRİPT

Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) is truly a music legend. He became a superstar at the age of eleven as a member of his family band The Jackson 5. His solo career earned him the title "King of Pop". His studio albums have all become classics. Jackson is equally famous for his high energy and complicated dance techniques such as the Moonwalk. He died in 2009 at the age of 50.

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Jackson’s personal life created significant controversy and earned him a nickname he hated, ‘Wacko Jacko’. He angered many by having plastic surgery and lightening his skin to look white. His reputation was badly damaged in several high-profile child sexual abuse cases in 2003 and 2005. The courts cleared him on both occasions.

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247 words
SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

Paragraphs 1 and 2
1. truly       a. difficult
2. earned      b. symbol
3. complicated c. ruled
4. dominated   d. passionately
5. enthusiastically e. beyond doubt
6. icon        f. got

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. significant g. times
8. reputation h. major
9. occasions i. evidence
10. proof j. extraordinary
11. phenomenal k. continues as
12. remains    l. image

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

1. truly a    a. dance techniques
2. earned him the title b. vocal style
3. complicated c. success he achieved
4. His distinctive d. music legend
5. influenced dozens e. selling album of all time
6. earned him a f. show business
7. His reputation was g. "King of Pop"
8. proof of the phenomenal h. badly damaged
9. remains the best i. of today’s top stars
10. in the history of j. nickname he hated
LISTENING GAP FILL:

Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) ________________ legend. He became a superstar at the age of eleven as a member of his family band The Jackson 5. His ________________ him the title "King of Pop". His studio albums have all become classics. Jackson ________________ for his high energy and complicated dance ________________ the Moonwalk. He died in 2009 at the age of 50.

Jackson dominated the music charts ________________, 80s and 90s. His distinctive vocal style, rhythm and fashion ________________ new music video age. MTV enthusiastically played his videos to the world. His ‘Thriller’ video had all the excitement of a major movie release. Jackson became ________________ culture and influenced dozens of today’s top stars.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

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SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1
1. truly a music **ngedel**
2. a **rmmeeb** of his family
3. His studio albums have all become **scssicla**
4. complicated dance **esnigecuth**

Paragraph 2
5. **thurugooth** the 1970s, 80s and 90s
6. **ecteprf** for the new music video age
7. all the excitement of a **oamri** movie release
8. a true icon of pop **teurclu**

Paragraph 3
9. earned him a **amcinnke** he hated
10. **silpcat** surgery
11. His reputation was badly **aedamgd**
12. The courts **areledc** him on both occasions

Paragraph 4
13. proof of the phenomenal **ecscsus** he achieved
14. Artist of the **Crnuety**
15. ‘Thriller’ **senairm** the best selling album of all time
16. show **essbnsui**
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. at He the became age a of superstar eleven

2. classics studio have become His albums all

3. the dominated Jackson 1970s the throughout charts music

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5. became Jackson culture pop of icon true a

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MICHAEL JACKSON DISCUSSION:
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Michael Jackson?
2. Would you like to meet Michael Jackson?
3. What would you like to know about Michael Jackson and why?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________

MICHAEL JACKSON DISCUSSION:
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Michael Jackson?
2. What questions would you like to ask Michael Jackson?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________
MICHAEL JACKSON SURVEY:
Write five questions about Michael Jackson in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his/her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:

Write about Michael Jackson for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Michael Jackson. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MICHAEL JACKSON POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Michael Jackson. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Michael Jackson. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.
Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Michael Jackson. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Michael Jackson expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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8. proof of the phenomenal h. success he has achieved
9. remains the best i. selling album of all time
10. in the history of j. show business

ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.