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| **MICHAEL JORDAN**  “I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”  We all have heard these words quoted by the Basketball Legend MJ – **Michael Jordan**.  One day I was just going through all the quotes stated by him, which made me curious to get to know more about him. So, what I did was I watched the **Last Dance –** An American sports documentary which revolves around Michael Jordan’s career and Chicago Bulls.  **Introduction**  Michael Jeffry Jordan was born on February 17, 1963. During his early schooling in Wilmington, he showcased his athletic career by playing basketball, baseball and football. In his sophomore year he tried out for the varsity basketball team but he was deemed to be too **short** by then. Still, he was selected to the junior varsity team and he was given a hardcore training.    **Early Struggle and Success**  In the 1981 McDonald's All-American game he scored 30 points and he was selected to the senior team. Later he was recruited by a number of colleges for basketball programs including Duke, North Carolina, South Carolina, Syracuse and Virginia. He accepted a basketball scholarship from University of North Carolina in the year 1981 where he majored as an adult.  In the 1982 NCAA Championship game against Georgetown, he made a game winning shot against the team which was led by his future NBA rival Patrick Ewing. He later said in an interview that this was the most important shot and the **major turning point of his career**. In 1984, he won the Naismith and the Wooden college player of the year awards and he dropped out of college just one year before his graduation just to enter the 1984 NBA draft. He was the third pick of the team Chicago Bulls.  **Traits of his personality**  When we think of basketball, the very first name that might come to the minds of a layman would surely be Michael Jordan. No doubt the guy was the top-notch NBA all-star who broke numerous records in his basketball career. But perfection is not a god gift. He had to earn it in his life long career after years of tedious efforts in his profession.  He was very **skillful, hard-working, philanthropist,** had **never give up** mentality, was very **determined**, was a **perfectionist**, a **mentor**, a great **leader**, **friendly, likable**, a **family man** and what not. If one allows me, then I can go on and on about his inspiring traits.  **Contribution to the society through Innovation, Products, Services, and charitable work**  If we talk about the monetary contribution then donated $2 million to relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Florence, donated $7 million to fund two Novant Health Clinics, even he donated $2M of proceeds from '**The Last** **Dance'** to help fight hunger. And not only this, he pledged to donate **$100 million** over the next ten years toward fighting racial injustice and opened a health care clinic in Charlotte, North Carolina to help those without healthcare. He occasionally plays in celebrity charity golf tournaments. In 1996 he founded a Chicago area Boys & Girls Club and dedicated it to his father. But apart from the monetary contributions and charity work, the man changes how to fans looked towards the game irrespective of any sports and country.  **Source of Motivation for others & My learning**  Michael Jordan's perseverance to achieve what he wanted is an exemplary story we all must learn from. He was not accepted by his high school varsity team initially, but he did not give up altogether. He was accepted but still not allowed to play the game he knew he could play well, but he did not lose hope.  Jordan also made retirements in the NBA after his father’s murder which deeply distracted him and started paying baseball on the other side. He always made the right time to give a comeback and whenever he’s on a comeback he set the bar on another level and set a new record every time. His major achievements include   * NBA Most Valuable Player Award: (1988, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998) * NBA champion (\*6) * Presidential medal of freedom (2016) * NBA Rookie of the year 1984-85 * NBA Defensive player of the year- 1987-88 * Olympic Gold (1984 Los Angeles, 1992 Barcelona)   One thing about him that touched me deeply was that despite of his success he was poked by rival franchisees and players, but this man never reacted to those words and kept quiet.  And in the next game you can see the results learn, how to prove yourself and your worth.  He ones said the below statement in an interview after very heated rivalry game,  “My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength.”  **His vision of Career**  Jordan’s former head coach at the University of North Carolina shared a story about the player’s determination to become the best. He remembered him saying “**I’m going to show you, nobody will ever work as hard as I work**.” And he kept his promise.  When you want something, you have to understand that, in order to get it, you have to dedicate yourself completely. There will be obstacles but overcoming them is essential for your growth. If you want something badly enough, you’ll be willing to learn and invest time and effort. Maybe you won’t get it exactly when you want it, but you will eventually.  **His vision of Success**  His success stories speak of his gaining of the ultimate wisdom from his career. And that is why he is considered a legend. What Michael can teach us is never giving up. He never surrendered in his career. He failed multiple times but, in the act, he always embraced those failures as a lesson. Success is inevitable only if you are never losing your hopes.  As previously stated, MJ is no stranger to failure. Perhaps the biggest failure that went on to define the person he is today, arrived when he was still in high school. He was cut from the varsity basketball team because he wasn’t good and tall enough.  This type of news would probably destroy any teenager’s dream of becoming a professional basketball player. Most would probably give up and try something different. Imagine if at that moment Jordan would’ve decided that basketball was simply not for him.  What did he do instead? He wiped his tears and practiced until he became good enough. He didn’t let his coach decide his future career. From a young age, he understood that failure doesn’t define a person, but the power to get up and try again.  “To be successful you have to be selfish, or else you never achieve. And once you get to your highest level, then you have to be unselfish. Stay reachable. Stay in touch. Don't isolate.” ― Michael Jordan |