

**Grade 4**  
**Reading - Biography**

**“Biography of Michael Jordan”**

Michael Jordan, often referred to as MJ, is widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time. Born on February 17, 1963, in Brooklyn, New York, Jordan’s family moved to Wilmington, North Carolina when he was still young. Even as a child, Michael was competitive and loved sports.

In high school, Michael was actually cut from his basketball team during his sophomore year, but that didn’t stop him. He practiced harder and became the star player of his school’s team in the next two years. His outstanding performance earned him a basketball scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he led his team to a national championship in 1982.

Jordan left college in 1984 to play in the NBA, joining the Chicago Bulls. His incredible leaping ability, scoring, and overall play quickly made him a fan favorite. He earned the nickname “Air Jordan” because it seemed like he could fly. Throughout his career, Michael led the Bulls to six NBA championships and earned five regular-season MVP awards. He was known for his scoring ability, fierce competitiveness, and clutch performances in crucial moments.

In 1993, Jordan shocked the world by retiring from basketball to play baseball, a sport his late father loved. However, he returned to the NBA and the Bulls in 1995, leading them to three more championships. He retired again in 1999 but made another comeback with the Washington Wizards in 2001 before retiring for the final time in 2003.

Off the court, Michael Jordan also made a significant impact. He became a successful businessman, owning a stake in the Charlotte Hornets basketball team, and creating the Air Jordan brand of basketball shoes, one of the most popular and successful sports shoe lines ever. He also contributed to various charitable causes, using his fame to make a positive difference.

Today, Michael Jordan's legacy lives on. He is remembered not just as a phenomenal basketball player, but as a determined individual who overcame challenges, worked hard, and achieved greatness.

Multiple Choice Questions:

Where was Michael Jordan born?

- A) Wilmington, North Carolina
- B) New York, New York
- C) Brooklyn, New York
- D) Chicago, Illinois

In which state did Michael Jordan grow up?

- A) New York
- B) Illinois
- C) North Carolina
- D) Washington



What happened to Michael Jordan during his sophomore year of high school?

- A) He was the star player of his school's team.
- B) He was cut from the basketball team.
- C) He won a national championship.
- D) He joined the NBA.

Which university did Michael Jordan attend?

- A) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- B) University of Chicago
- C) North Carolina State University
- D) Duke University

How many NBA championships did Michael Jordan win with the Chicago Bulls?

- A) Three
- B) Four
- C) Five
- D) Six

What nickname did Michael Jordan earn?



- A) Jumpman
- B) Air Jordan
- C) The Greatest
- D) MJ

Which sport did Michael Jordan play when he first retired from basketball?

- A) Football
- B) Baseball
- C) Golf
- D) Tennis

What business venture is mentioned in the passage?

- A) Air Jordan brand of basketball shoes
- B) A restaurant
- C) A sports academy
- D) A basketball team

What team is Michael Jordan mentioned as owning a stake in?

- A) Chicago Bulls

B) New York Knicks

C) Washington Wizards

D) Charlotte Hornets

Which of the following best describes Michael Jordan's legacy?

A) A phenomenal basketball player and determined individual

B) A successful businessman

C) A player who never faced challenges

D) Only remembered as a basketball player

**Answers:**

1. C) Brooklyn, New York. The passage states that Michael Jordan was born in Brooklyn, New York.
2. C) North Carolina. The passage mentions that Michael's family moved to Wilmington, North Carolina when he was young.
3. B) He was cut from the basketball team. The passage mentions that Michael was cut from his basketball team during his sophomore year of high school.
4. A) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The passage states that Michael Jordan went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a basketball scholarship.
5. D) Six. The passage mentions that Michael led the Bulls to six NBA championships.
6. B) Air Jordan. Michael Jordan was nicknamed "Air Jordan" because of his incredible leaping ability.
7. B) Baseball. The passage states that Michael Jordan retired from basketball to play baseball in 1993.
8. A) Air Jordan brand of basketball shoes. The passage mentions that Michael Jordan created the Air Jordan brand of basketball shoes.
9. D) Charlotte Hornets. The passage states that Michael Jordan owns a stake in the Charlotte Hornets basketball team.
10. A) A phenomenal basketball player and determined individual. The passage concludes by remembering Michael Jordan as both a phenomenal basketball player and a determined individual.