

*Michael Jackson is a legend of American art. (Майкл Джексон - легенда американского искусства)*



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Цель1) **Воспитательная** :воспитание положительного, уважительного и толерантного отношения к культуре англо- язычных стран, более глубокое осознание своей родной культуры.

2)**Образовательная**: развивать речевые умения на основе творческого использования ранее усвоенного материала.

3)**Развивающая**: развивать способность логически излагать, самостоятельно обобщать, сравнивать, анализировать и делать выводы.

What is music? Specialists explain that music isn\*t only a combination of pleasant sounds. It is an art that reflects life.

All over the world people sing, play musical instruments and celebrate with music. It plays an important role in our lives. Experts think that because of the way our brains process music, learning to play an instrument or just listening to music can do a person a lot of good. Learning to play an instrument can help children to improve Maths, Science and language skills. The Canadian study of children's IQ scores discovered that children who studied music had the best results. While reading music and playing notes a person uses several regions of the brain, stimulating our ability to learn school subjects. For example, reading notes improves reasoning skills, what are helpful in solving maths problems.

Music is also used for medical purposes, such as the treatment of illnesses which affect memory. The secret lies in the way the brain processes music. One area near the forehead connects music with memories kept in two other areas. That's why an old song can remind you of something that happened years ago. For patients suffering from some diseases, listening to music can help unlock memories by strengthening musical pathways to memories.

«Earth Song» is the most wonderful song written by Michael Jackson. This song tells about global problems, it makes people cry and try to solve it. In this song Michael asks about environmental problems and lives of animals. Michael wanted to write «Earth Song» as a song with deep idea and simple melody. He wanted people all over the world, including people who don't speak English, to understand it. And what was the story of the song?

1<sup>st</sup> June, 1988. Michael stands in his hotel room alone. He feels loneliness and terrible despair for the world. Jackson was a very sensitive person. He felt responsibility for his glory. He said, “When you travel all over the world and see what I see, you just can't ignore global problems.” He always gave money for charity. Helping children or singing on the stage, he felt himself strong and happy, but at home he was very sad. He always tried to understand the world. Stories about drought, forest fires, earthquakes, genocide and hunger make Michael cry. When he was standing in the hotel room, it was too much pain and despair. And then the idea had fallen from the sky: Earth Song, bitter weeping and ask for help. Accords were very simple, but the singer knew that it would be the greatest song in his creativity.

# Michael Jackson's biography

We want to tell you  
about the life and  
musical career of the  
King of Pop music -  
Michael Jackson



He was born on 29 August, 1958 in Gary. His family had nine children, and Michael was the seventh child in it. Michael Jackson is not only a talented American singer and songwriter, but also a wonderful dancer, actor, choreographer.



A lot of strange stories are told about Jackson. It's difficult to decide whether they are true or not. Michael never gave interviews and was rarely seen in public, except on the stage. Certainly, his behaviour may seem eccentric. In public he often wore a face mask to protect himself from germs, he slept inside an oxygen capsule, which he believed would help him to live longer.



Jackson came into show business at the age of five years old when his father organized a family band "Jackson 5", in which besides Michael there were his four elder brothers. At first, his father included Michael in the band, as an exotic element, but it soon became clear that the child had outstanding musical abilities.

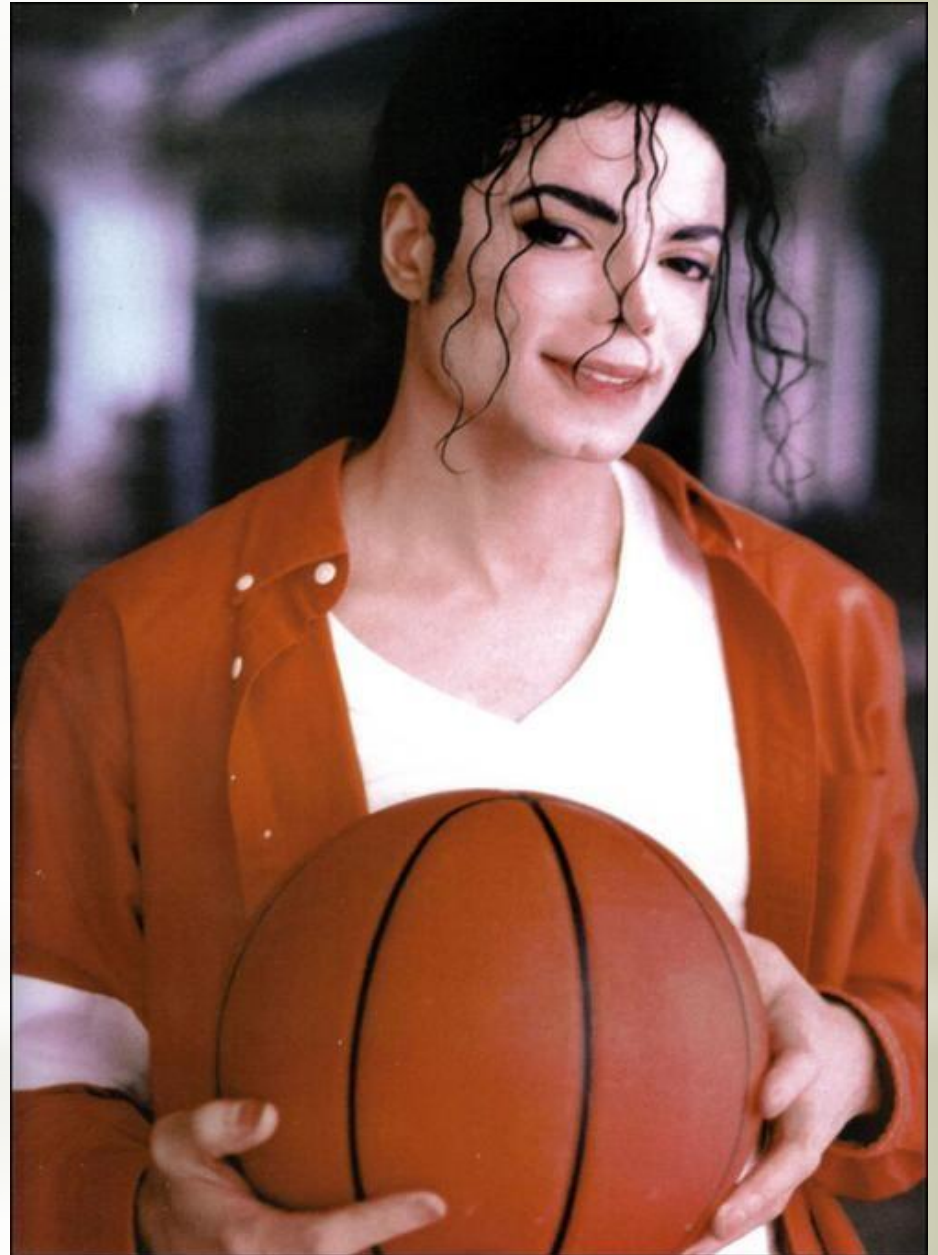






In 1971 the first song of Michael Jackson "I'll be there" took the fourth place on the charts. It became clear that a new superstar had appeared on the horizon .

In 1978, Michael starred with Diana Ross in the screen version of the Broadway musical "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." On shootings he got acquainted with the musical director Quincy Jones who later produced his most famous albums.



In 1982, Michael released the album "Thriller", which was sold around the world in record copies and became the best selling in the history of pop music.



In 1994, Michael married Lisa Marie Presley, a daughter of Elvis Presley. The marriage was short-lived, as the couple divorced in 1996. Then Michael married his second wife, Debbie Rowe.



Michael met his second wife while treating his skin pigment disorder. Their first child, Prince Michael Joseph Jackson, Jr., was born in 1997. Their daughter, Paris Michael Katherine Jackson, was born in 1998. The couple divorced in 1999.



In November 2003, Jackson released the greatest hit "Number Ones". By the end of 2004 6 million copies of "Number Ones" had been sold in the whole world.



During his career, the King of Pop-music has sold 750 million copies of albums around the world, won 13 awards "Grammy".

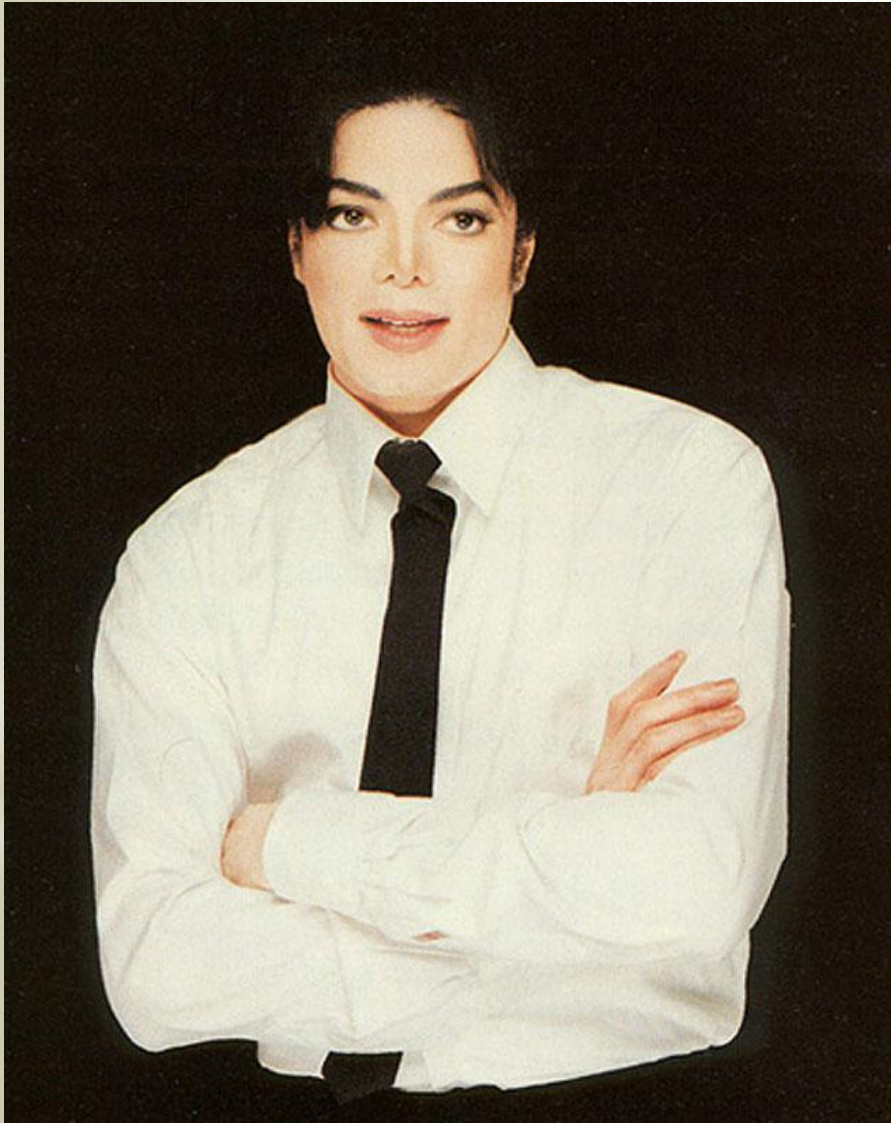


Michael Jackson is a very versatile personality. His favorite hobbies were reading, painting, martial arts, dancing, taking care of animals, theatre...

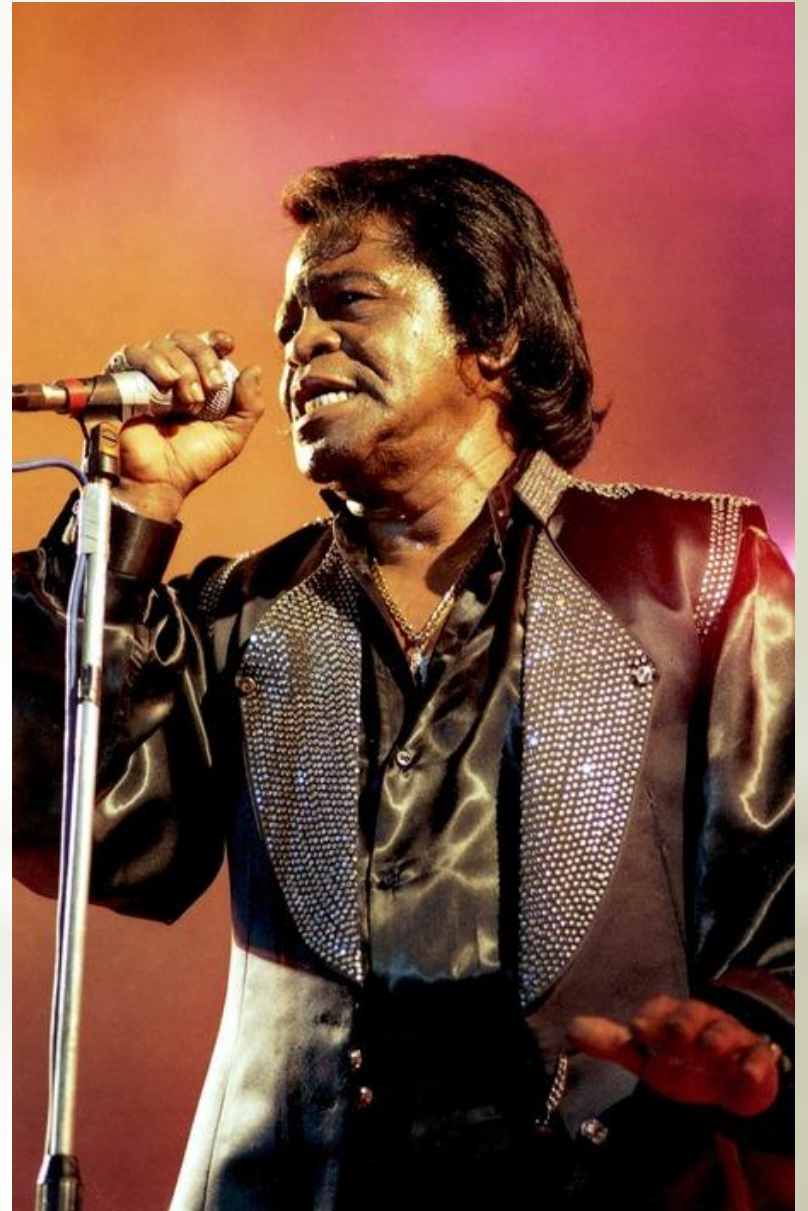




Elizabeth Taylor is Michael Jackson's best friend



James Brown, Jackie Wilson were Michael's idols, who inspired him.



Michael's thrilling career ended tragically: before the start of a much-anticipated come back tour. The King of Pop-music died on June 25, 2009 after suffering cardiac arrest.

