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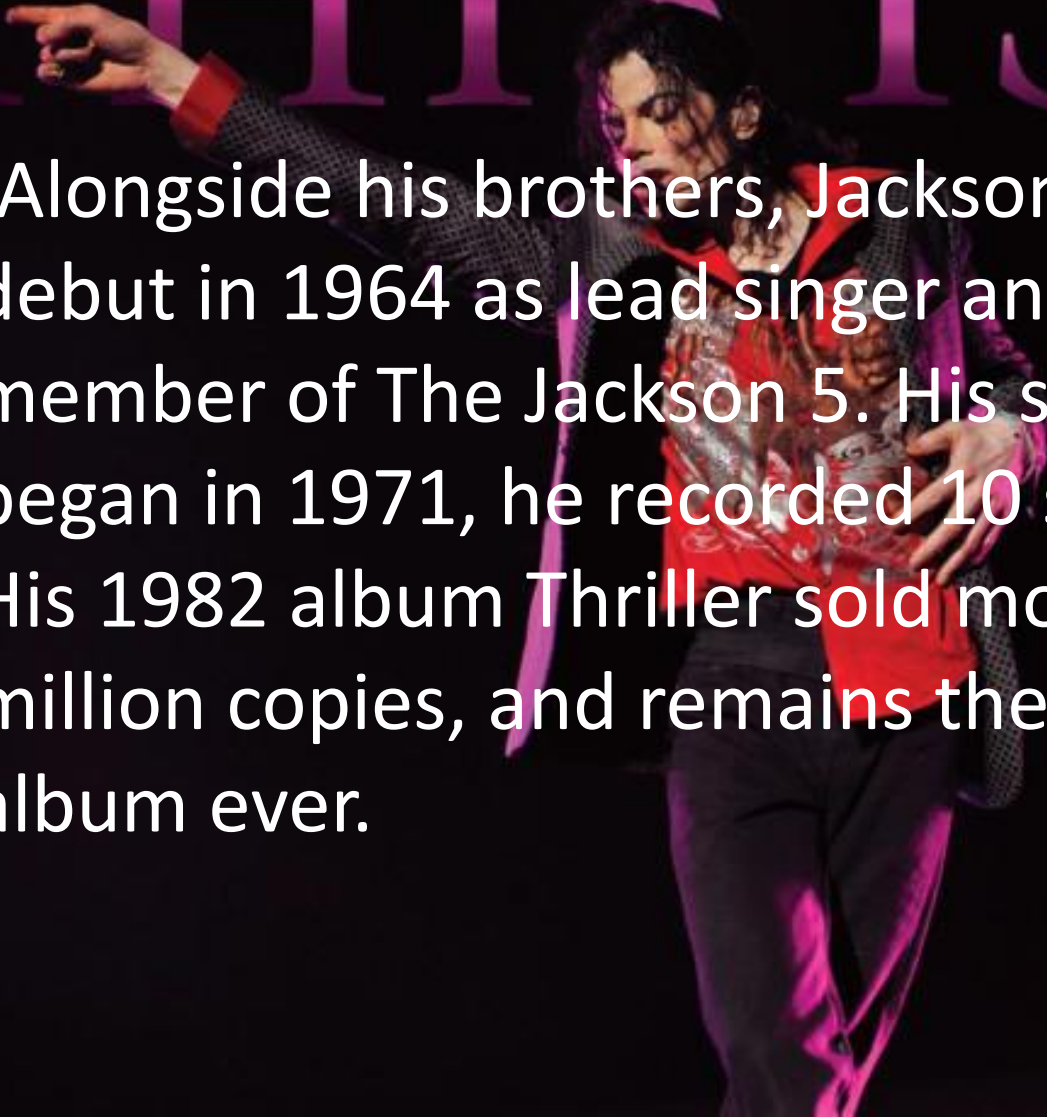
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Michael Joseph Jackson (August 29, 1958 – June 25, 2009) was an American singer, dancer. Referred to as the *King of Pop*, he is recognized as the most successful entertainer of all time, and one of the most influential. His contributions to music, dance and fashion, and a much-publicized personal life, made him a global figure in popular culture for over four decades.

A photograph of Michael Jackson performing on stage. He is wearing a red jacket with a patterned design and dark pants. He is pointing his right hand towards the left side of the frame. The background is dark with some purple lighting.

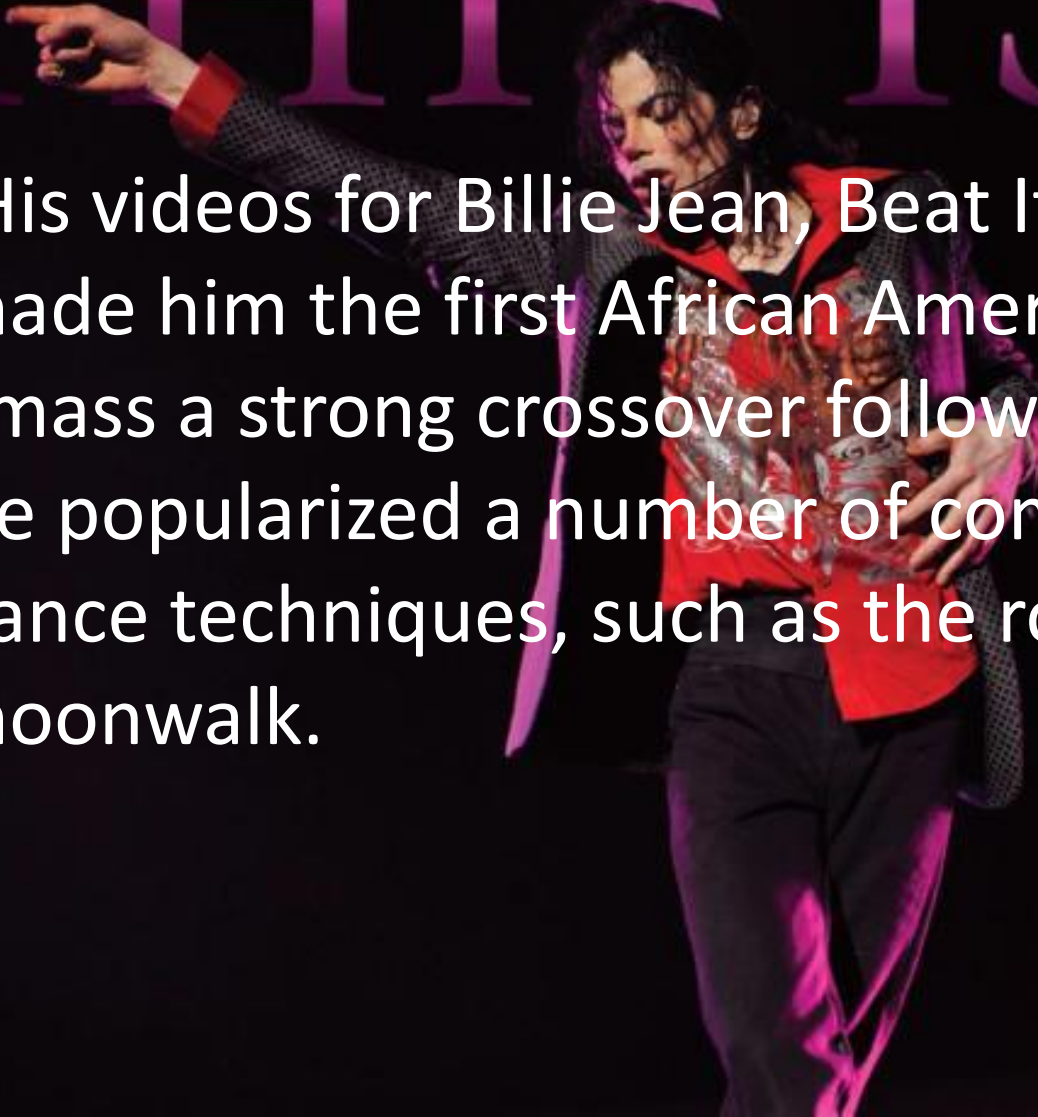
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Alongside his brothers, Jackson made his debut in 1964 as lead singer and youngest member of The Jackson 5. His solo career began in 1971, he recorded 10 studio albums. His 1982 album *Thriller* sold more than 110 million copies, and remains the best-selling album ever.



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His videos for Billie Jean, Beat It and Thriller made him the first African American artist to amass a strong crossover following on MTV. He popularized a number of complicated dance techniques, such as the robot and the moonwalk.



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Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from a drug



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memorial service on live broadcast television.

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The memorial was held on July 7, 2009, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, preceded by a private family service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park's Hall of Liberty.



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