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Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 17, 1963 to James and Deloris. While a young child, Michael's family moved to North Carolina. He attended high school at Laney High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. As a child, Michael was very active, playing football, basketball and football.

During his sophomore year of high school, Michael tried out for the Varsity basketball team but was cut. Devastated, Michael broke down and cried. His mother, Deloris, encouraged him to use what he viewed as failure to motivate himself to get better for the following year. Michael worked extremely hard on the basketball court all year long. He practiced shooting and dribbling, determined to prove to his coach and teammates that he belonged on the basketball court.

At the start of his junior year in high school, Michael not only had become a basketball player but he had also grown 4 inches. Standing at 6'3, Michael dominated competition. His senior year, he was selected to the McDonald's All-American team and accepted a basketball scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

In his freshmen year of college, Michael was named ACC Freshmen of the Year and also hit the game winning shot against Georgetown in the 1982 National Championship game. After three successful seasons at North Carolina, Michael decided to go to the NBA where he was selected by the Chicago Bulls in 1984.

Using his amazing athletic ability and competitiveness, Michael became a favorite among the fans, not only in Chicago but across the world. Wearing number 23, he went on to be named Rookie of the Year in his first season in the NBA. Though Michael was having success in the NBA, his team, the Chicago Bulls struggled.

But finally, after seven years in the league, Michael led the Chicago Bulls to a NBA championship in the 1991-1992 season, 1992-1993 season and 1993-1994 season. Thinking his basketball days were over, Michael retired and tried playing baseball in the minor leagues. But after two years away from basketball, Michael announced that he would return to the Chicago Bulls.

After returning, Michael continued his dominance, leading the Chicago Bulls to three NBA championships in a row. In addition to Michael's 6 NBA championships, he also received the following accolades: Olympic Gold Medal winner, NBA MVP, NBA leading scorer, NBA Defensive Team, All-NBA First Team, and NBA Slam Dunk winner. Michael has been said to be the greatest basketball player to have ever played the game, leaving a legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

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Michael Jordan Questions

1. Where was Michael born? _____
2. What state did he move to as a young child? _____
3. What happened Michael's sophomore year of high school? _____

4. What did his mother encourage him to do? _____
5. What team was Michael named to his senior year? _____
6. Where did he accept a college basketball scholarship to? _____
7. Michael made a game winning shot his freshmen year of college. Who was it against and what game was it? _____
8. How many years did Michael play in college? _____
9. What team drafted him in the NBA? _____
10. What number did he wear on his uniform? _____
11. How many NBA championships did Michael win? _____
12. In 1993, Michael retired from the NBA. What sport did he go on to play? _____
13. When he came back from retirement to the NBA, what team did he play for? _____
14. List 1 award Michael received in the NBA. _____
15. What is something you can learn from Michael Jordan? _____

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Michael Jordan Answers

1. Where was Michael born? **Brooklyn, New York**
2. What state did he move to as a young child? **North Carolina**
3. What happened Michael's sophomore year of high school? **He was cut from the Varsity team**
4. What did his mother encourage him to do? **Use it as motivation to get better**
5. What team was Michael named to his senior year? **McDonald's All-American Team**
6. Where did he accept a college basketball scholarship to? **North Carolina**
7. Michael made a game winning shot his freshmen year of college. Who was it against and what game was it? **Georgetown, 1982 National Championship game**
8. How many years did Michael play in college? **3**
9. What team drafted him in the NBA? **Chicago Bulls**
10. What number did he wear on his uniform? **23**
11. How many NBA championships did Michael win? **6**
12. In 1993, Michael retired from the NBA. What sport did he go on to play? **baseball**
13. When he came back from retirement to the NBA, what team did he play for? **Chicago Bulls**
14. List 1 award Michael received in the NBA. **Olympic Gold Medal winner, NBA MVP, NBA leading scorer, NBA Defensive Team, All-NBA First Team, and NBA Slam Dunk winner**
15. What is something you can learn from Michael Jordan? **Hard work, determination, competitiveness, never give up**