

Michael Jordan

Part 1: Early Life

1. Michael Jordan was born on February 17, 1963.
2. Michael grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina.
3. As a child, Michael played baseball, basketball, and football.

Part 2: High School Basketball

4. Michael didn't make the varsity team at first because he was too short (5 feet 11 inches).
5. After not making the varsity team, Michael practiced hard and played on the junior varsity team.

Part 3: College Career

6. Michael went to the University of North Carolina.
7. In his first year of college, Michael scored the winning shot in the national championship game.

Part 4: Olympic Games 1984

8. The 1984 Olympic Games were in Los Angeles, USA.
9. Michael and the US team won the gold medal in the Olympics.

Part 5: Joining the NBA

10. The Chicago Bulls chose Michael in the NBA draft.
11. No, Michael was not the first player chosen. He was the third pick in the draft.

Part 6: Early NBA Career

12. In his first NBA season, Michael won the Rookie of the Year award.
13. Michael's shoes, called Air Jordan, were made specially for him by Nike and became very popular.

Part 7: Becoming a Champion

14. The Bulls won their first NBA championship in 1991.

15. The Bulls won three championships in a row, which is called a "three-peat."

Part 8: First Retirement and Baseball Career

16. Michael stopped playing basketball in 1993 because he said he had lost his desire to play.

17. After basketball, Michael played baseball.

Part 9: Return to Basketball

18. Michael came back to basketball in March 1995.

19. In the 1995-1996 season, the Bulls won 72 games, which was a new record.

Part 10: Second Three-Peat

20. "The Flu Game" was when Michael played very well (scoring 38 points) in a finals game despite being very sick.

Part 11: Second Retirement and Washington Wizards

21. After the Bulls, Michael played for the Washington Wizards.

22. Michael was 38 years old when he started playing for the Wizards.

Part 12: Playing Style and Skills

23. Two things Michael was known for: he could jump very high and he was a great shooter.

Part 13: Achievements and Awards

24. Michael won 6 NBA championships in total.

25. Michael was named NBA Most Valuable Player 5 times.

Part 14: Life After Basketball

26. Michael now owns the Charlotte Hornets, an NBA team.

27. Michael does a lot of charity work, helping children and poor communities.

Part 15: Legacy

28. Michael changed basketball by making the NBA popular around the world and inspiring many people to watch basketball.

Vocabulary Practice

29. "Competitive" means really wanting to win.

30. A "rookie" in sports is a player in their first year.