

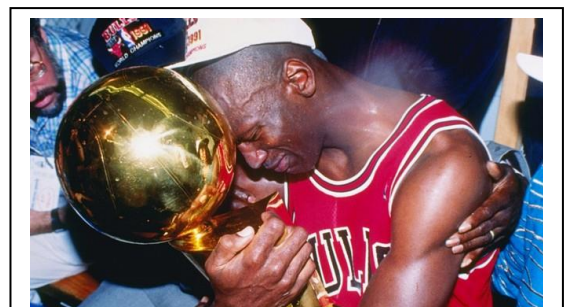


Michael Jeffrey Jordan (born February 17th 1963) is a former American basketball player. Many people believe Jordan is one of the greatest basketball players to ever play in the NBA.

Michael Jordan was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1963, but his family moved to **North Carolina** when he was a toddler. In high school, he played baseball, football and basketball. He continued to play basketball in college, and was awarded **College Player of the Year** in his second year at the University of North Carolina.

Jordan earned the nicknames "Air Jordan" and "His Airness" due to his leaping ability which was illustrated by performing slam dunks from the free throw line in slam dunk contests.

Despite his success both on the court and off, Jordan and the *Chicago Bulls* failed to make the NBA Finals until 1991, when they finally defeated their rivals (the *Detroit Pistons*) in the **Eastern Conference Semi-finals**.



Jordan was emotional after winning the 1991 NBA Championships.

That year, they defeated the *Los Angeles Lakers* to win the NBA championship and Michael Jordan was named **MVP** (Most Valuable Player).



Jordan filmed his scenes for the Warner Bros. movie *Space Jam* in between practices during the 1995-96 season.

Jordan and his *Chicago Bulls* teammates went on to win three back-to-back championships from 1991–1993. Michael won the Most Valuable Player in the NBA finals each time. He also won an **Olympic gold medal** (actually, his second) as one of the captains of America's "Dream Team" in 1992.

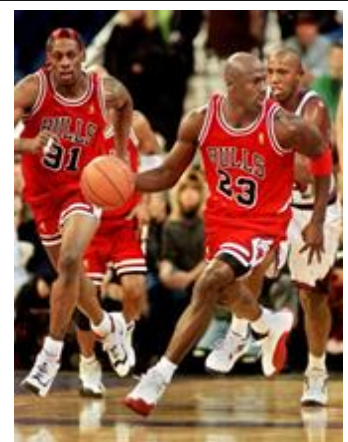
In 1993, he shocked fans by **retiring** from basketball to play professional baseball for the *Chicago White Sox*. He was a competent but not outstanding player, and returned to basketball for the 1994-1995

season. Jordan led the Bulls to a record 72 wins in the 1995-96 NBA Season.

Overall, he **won six championships** and six times he was named as the Finals MVP. He played for both the *Chicago Bulls* and, at the end of his career, the *Washington Wizards*.

On April 16th 2003, Jordan played his very last game in the NBA against the *Philadelphia 76ers*. The normally harsh Philadelphia fans gave him a three-minute standing ovation.

Today, Michael Jordan is still involved with the NBA as the owner of the *Charlotte Hornets*.



Michael Jordan and *Chicago Bulls* teammate Dennis Rodman

Michael Jordan

Day 1 Activity

LO: I can retrieve information from a text.	What I think	My teacher thinks
<i>I can remember to:</i>		
read the questions carefully.	☐	
use words found in the text to help you find your answers.	☐	
write the letter of the right answer.	☐	

1. Where did Michael Jordan grow up?

- A. New York
- B. Chicago
- C. Washington DC
- D. North Carolina

2. Why did Michael Jordan retire for the first time?

- A. He was getting old
- B. He was injured
- C. He had nothing left to accomplish
- D. He wanted to play baseball

3. When did the *Chicago Bulls* win their first championship title?

- A. 1984
- B. 1991
- C. 1995
- D. 2003

4. Which team did Jordan play for during his final game?

- A. *Chicago Bulls*
- B. *Philadelphia 76ers*
- C. *Washington Wizards*
- D. *Charlotte Hornets*

5. What does Michael Jordan do now?

- A. He still plays basketball professionally
- B. He plays for a baseball team
- C. He owns a basketball team
- D. He is a famous singer

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Day 2 Activity

LO: I can explain an author's choice.	What I think	My teacher thinks
<i>I can remember to:</i>		
find examples of the punctuation in the text.	☐	
think about how the punctuation affects the sentence.	☐	
think about what the author is trying to tell you.	☐	

The author has made a choice to use different punctuation typography (ways of writing).

Can you explain why the author has used these different punctuation marks and typography? Think about what they are trying to tell you.

Punctuation or typography	Why have they been used? What is the author trying to tell you?
.	It is the end of a sentence.
<i>italics</i>	
(brackets)	
“inverted commas”	
1994-1995 hyphens in dates	

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Day 3 Activity

LO: I can comment on a text.	What I think	My teacher thinks
<i>I can remember to:</i>		
reread the text carefully and look at the photo.	☐	
consider how you would feel in that situation.	☐	
share your own opinion.	☐	

Look at the photograph of Michael Jordan holding the NBA trophy.

Why isn't he smiling? Explain why you think that.
