

MICHAEL JORDAN



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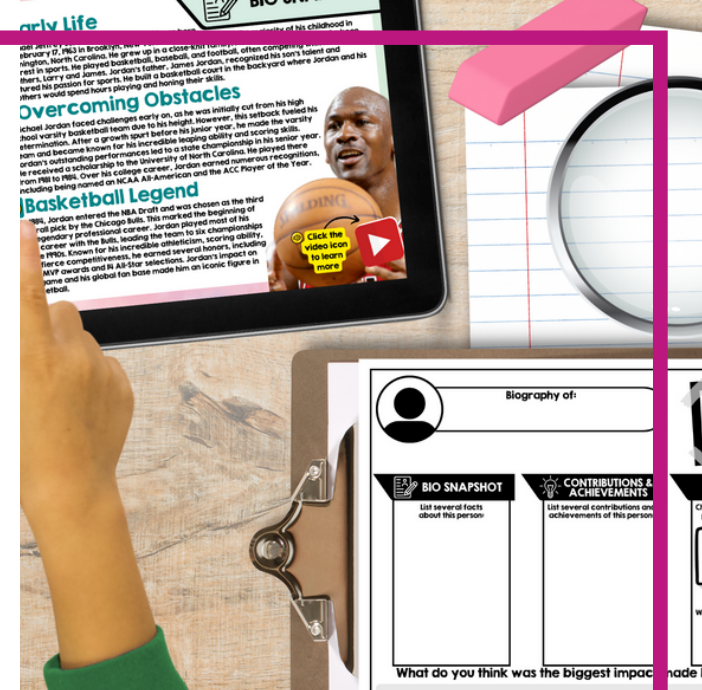
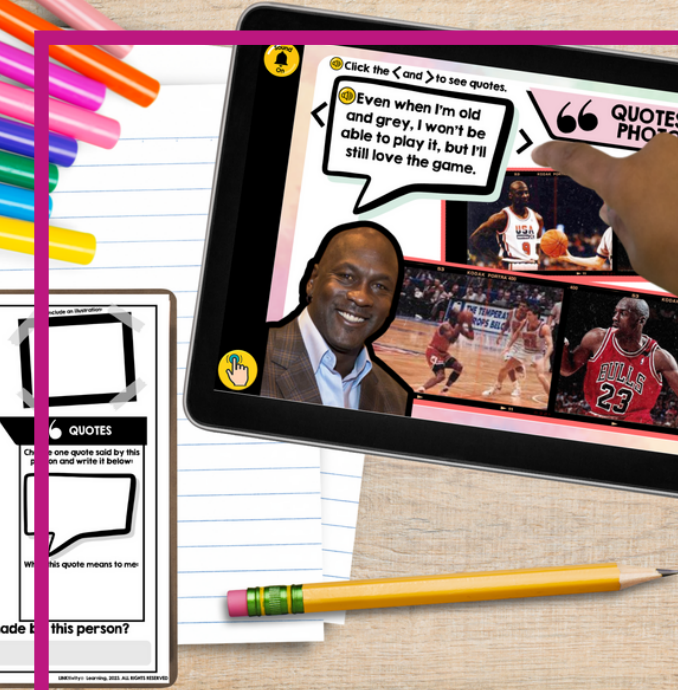
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Michael Jordan is widely regarded as one of the greatest basketball players in history. He dominated the game of basketball with his incredible athleticism, scoring prowess, and competitive spirit, leading the Bulls to six NBA championships and earning numerous accolades, including five MVP awards. He became a global icon and brand ambassador for Nike, spearheading the immensely popular Air Jordan sneaker line. In this mini biography on Michael Jordan, students will learn about his early start in life, his determination to succeed, and his pursuit for greatness.



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Michael Jordan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama on November 22, 2016. He was honored for his outstanding achievements in the sport of basketball, his cultural impact, and his desire to promote the welfare of others. Jordan's contributions have made him a highly respected and deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

BIO SNAPSHOT

Early Life


Michael Jeffrey Jordan, also known as MJ, was born on February 17, 1963 in Brooklyn, New York. However, he spent the majority of his childhood in Wilmington, North Carolina. He grew up in a close-knit family. As a child, Jordan showed a keen interest in sports. He played basketball, baseball, and football, often competing with his older brothers, Larry and James. Jordan's father, James Jordan, recognized his son's talent and nurtured his passion for sports. He built a basketball court in the backyard where Jordan and his brothers would spend hours playing and honing their skills.

Overcoming Obstacles

Michael Jordan faced challenges early on, as he was initially cut from his high school varsity basketball team due to his height. However, this setback fueled his determination. After a growth spurt before his junior year, he made the varsity team and became known for his incredible leaping ability and scoring skills. Jordan's outstanding performances led to a state championship in his senior year. He received a scholarship to the University of North Carolina. He played there from 1981 to 1984. Over his college career, Jordan earned numerous recognitions, including being named an NCAA All-American and the ACC Player of the Year.

Basketball Legend

In 1984, Jordan entered the NBA Draft and was chosen as the third overall pick by the Chicago Bulls. This marked the beginning of his legendary professional career. Jordan played most of his NBA career with the Bulls, leading the team to six championships in the 1990s. Known for his incredible athleticism, scoring ability, and fierce competitiveness, he earned several honors, including five MVP awards and 14 All-Star selections. Jordan's impact on the game and his global fan base made him an iconic figure in basketball.



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You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.



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Even when I'm old and grey, I won't be able to play it, but I'll still love the game.



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In addition to his accomplishments with the Bulls, Jordan also had a brief retirement from basketball in 1993 to pursue a professional baseball career. He played minor league baseball for the Birmingham Barons, an affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, before returning to the NBA in 1995. Jordan retired for the second time in 1999 but made another comeback in 2001 to play for the Washington Wizards, where he spent two seasons before retiring for good in 2003.




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Student & Teacher Resources

Recording Sheet for LINKtivity

Lesson Plan

LESSON

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is a biography?
Who is (specific person) and what makes him/her unique?



Note: This lesson plan can be used with any mini-biography LINKtivity.

Standards Covered

CCRA.R.10

Materials Needed

Biography LINKtivity®
KWL student sheet
Biography student sheet (optional)
Chart paper/markers OR SMARTboard/Whiteboard

Teacher Preparation

Preview the mini-biography(ies) that you have selected for your students. Plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc). Prepare a KWL chart on chart paper or SMARTboard/whiteboard. Print the KWL and biography student sheets.

Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

- Introduce the essential questions.
- Introduce the person(s) your students will be exploring and provide each student with a **KWL student sheet**.
- **ASK:** What do you know about this person? What do you want to know about this person?
- Have students complete the first two columns of the chart. Note: If your whole class is exploring the same person, you can complete this chart together on a SMARTboard/whiteboard. If each student is completing a different person, have them complete a KWL for their specific person.

Lesson Activity (20 mins)

Have students complete a **Biography LINKtivity**, either one assigned to them or of their own selection. While navigating the LINKtivity, students have the option to complete the **biography student sheet**.

Optional Extension Activities

- Take virtual field trips to museums, historical sites, or places related to the person's life using a tool like Google Earth.
- Have students record a podcast episode about their person.
- Host a wax museum event where students dress up and take on the persona of their chosen individual to educate others.

Lesson Conclusion (2-5 min.)

Review essential questions and have students share their responses in light of what they have learned. Have students complete the final column of their KWL chart (what I learned).

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