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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE EXERCISE

1) Read through the following tributes of Michael Jackson and highlight all the facts in this account **blue** and the opinions **red**.

R.I.P. Michael Jackson 1958-2009

The King of Pop!

Officially the world's biggest selling recording artist and most famous person, Michael Jackson's career spanned a full five decades. Starting with his brothers at Motown with the Jackson 5, Michael's solo career broke record after recording with monster hits like Billie Jean, Beat It, Thriller, The Way You Make Me Feel, Black or White and Earth Song.

Despite adverse publicity in his later years, Michael Jackson remains an icon of popular music with an enormous and devoted fan base and worldwide recognition of his music.



The earth is not the same today - Michael Jackson is dead. I can't believe he was only 50 years old and died.

I have always loved Michael Jackson and his music. I don't think there has ever been a more talented musician. He was an amazing dancer, but also had the skills to write his own music.

Rolf Schmidt-Holtz, CEO, Sony Music Entertainment, said: "Michael Jackson's unsurpassed artistry and beloved music brought joy to every corner of the world. We join today with his millions of fans in expressing our profound sadness and we offer our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. It was a true privilege for all of us in the Sony Music family to work with one of the most talented superstars in the history of music. We will miss him greatly. "Off the Wall", "Thriller," "Bad", "Dangerous," and "History" were among the best selling records of all time.

Jackson was in the music business continually since age 11. He started out as a member of the Jackson 5 singing along with his brothers. During his short life, he was an American recording artist, entertainer and businessman. He was one of the first African-American artists to get a broad audience through MTV.

In 1984 Michael Jackson bought the rights to most of the Beatles songs. There will clearly be fights over his estate since it is so huge and complicated, and these are likely to stay in the courts for years to come.

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2) Here is a write up on one of Jackson's first major hits: **Don't Stop Til You Get Enough**. The writer has not bothered to proofread it. Read through this text and correct the 10 spelling and grammatical mistakes that are in it.

"Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" - 1979



Michael Jackson's group with his brothers, the Jackson 5, were one of the most succesful family acts of all time. They first hit the pop charts in 1969 when Michael Jackson were 11. By 1979, Jackson was a yung adult, and he had not released a major solo hit in seven years. He colaborated with Quincy Jones to blend disco and contemporary R&B with vocols featuring one of the most arresting falsetto voices in pop music. "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" hit the top of the chats, and Michael Jacksons adult recording carer had begun.

3) Listen to this interview and answer the following:

<http://video.mobile.msn.com/en-us/detail.aspx?uuid=6b49ecba-6257-11de-9485-b97863a74c6d>

1. Describe the term "I put my heart into my work" in your own words.
2. In what way and at what time does Michael receive his new songs?
3. What would you say people love about Michael Jackson's music?
4. How does Michael describe himself on stage in this interview?
5. Write 2 lines about any other pop star you like and why?

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