



Michael Jackson's Nephew: Family Told They Were "Worthless" Without Him

Description

Taj Jackson is one of the three sons of Tito Jackson, who was an older brother of Michael Jackson. This morning, Taj answered a fan's question on social media about growing up with Michael as the star of the family.

Taj's response was strong. He said it felt like everyone told them they were not important without Michael and that they should be thankful to him. Michael was the youngest in the Jackson 5, which included Tito, Marlon, Jackie, and Jermaine. Even though the other brothers could sing and play instruments, Michael quickly became the main focus.

Michael started his solo career when he was just 13 years old. In the group's hit "I'll Be There," Jermaine had a part, but he and the others often felt like they were not as valued. Later, Taj and his brothers formed their group, 3T, with Michael's support. However, Michael also blocked Jermaine from having a solo career in the 1980s.

Taj claims the movie about the Jackson 5 does not properly show his brothers. They have no speaking parts and appear as minor characters. Taj feels disappointed by this, especially after the loss of his father, Tito, who died suddenly two years ago at the age of 70. Taj knows it was hard to live in Michael's shadow.

Vocabulary List:

1. **response** //rɪ'spɑːns// (noun): something said or done after something else
2. **focus** //ˈfəʊkəs// (noun): the most important person or thing
3. **solo** //ˈsɒləʊ// (adjective): done alone and not with other people
4. **blocked** //blɒkt// (verb): stopped someone from doing or getting something
5. **minor** //ˈmaɪnər// (adjective): not very important in a story or situation
6. **shadow** //ˈʃædɔʊ// (noun): a dark shape when light is blocked

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



1. Who is Taj Jackson's father?

- Option: Michael Jackson
- Option: Tito Jackson
- Option: Jermaine Jackson
- Option: Marlon Jackson

2. At what age did Michael Jackson start his solo career?

- Option: 10
- Option: 13
- Option: 15
- Option: 17

3. Which group did Taj Jackson and his brothers form?

- Option: Jackson 5
- Option: 3T
- Option: The Jacksons
- Option: Tito & The Jacksons

4. In which song did Jermaine have a part?

- Option: I Want You Back
- Option: I'll Be There
- Option: ABC
- Option: Dancing Machine

5. What is Taj's feeling towards the movie about the Jackson 5?

- Option: Proud
- Option: Disappointed
- Option: Excited
- Option: Indifferent

6. Who blocked Jermaine from having a solo career in the 1980s?

- Option: Tito Jackson
- Option: Taj Jackson
- Option: Michael Jackson
- Option: Marlon Jackson

True-False



7. Taj Jackson is the oldest son of Tito Jackson.
8. Michael Jackson was the main focus of the Jackson 5.
9. Taj claims the movie properly represents his brothers.
10. Tito Jackson passed away two years ago.
11. 3T was formed with Michael's support.
12. Michael was the oldest member of the Jackson 5.

Gap-Fill

13. Taj Jackson is one of the three sons of Tito Jackson, who was an older brother of Michael Jackson. This morning, Taj answered a fan's question on social media about growing up with Michael as the star of the family. Taj's response was strong. He said it felt like everyone told them they were not important without Michael and that they should be thankful to him. Michael was the youngest in the Jackson 5, which included Tito, Marlon, Jackie, and Jermaine. Even though the other brothers could sing and play instruments, Michael quickly became the main _____.
14. Michael started his solo career when he was just 13 years _____.
15. Later, Taj and his brothers formed their _____, 3T, with Michael's support.
16. Taj claims the movie about the Jackson 5 does not properly show his _____.
17. Taj feels disappointed by this, especially after the loss of his father, Tito, who died suddenly two years ago at the age of _____.
18. Taj knows it was hard to live in Michael's _____.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Tito Jackson 2. 13 3. 3T 4. I'll Be There 5. Disappointed 6. Michael Jackson

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. focus 14. old 15. group 16. brothers 17. 70 18. shadow

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term for a legal case brought to a court?

Option: Lawsuit

Option: Testimony

Option: Defense

Option: Affidavit

2. What is the right to keep one's personal affairs out of public view called?

Option: Secrecy

Option: Privacy

Option: Confidentiality

Option: Exposure

3. What do we call permission for something to happen or agreement to do something?

Option: Consent

Option: Authorization

Option: Agreement

Option: Commitment

4. What is a film or television program that provides a factual report on a particular subject called?

Option: Drama

Option: Documentary

Option: Fiction

Option: Reality show

5. Which term refers to the yearly recurrence of a date marking a notable event?

Option: Celebration

Option: Anniversary

Option: Memorial

Option: Commemoration



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6. What term refers to a recording that has been improved in quality or altered for better presentation?
- Option: Original
 - Option: Remastered
 - Option: Edited
 - Option: Restored
7. What term is used for making something available to the public?
- Option: Distribute
 - Option: Release
 - Option: Publish
 - Option: Share
8. What term refers to the assets available to a person or organization for use?
- Option: Resources
 - Option: Assets
 - Option: Supplies
 - Option: Funds
9. What term defines the function or part played by a person or thing in a particular situation?
- Option: Role
 - Option: Character
 - Option: Persona
 - Option: Identity
10. What word describes a person who is not yet an adult?
- Option: Adult
 - Option: Teenager
 - Option: Minor
 - Option: Child

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. In a lawsuit, the person who brings the case to court is called the _____.
12. The _____ of resources can greatly influence opportunities available to individuals.
13. The main _____ of the documentary is to shed light on environmental issues.
14. The court held a special _____ to address privacy concerns.
15. There was an _____ of evidence supporting the claims made by the plaintiff.



16. Her _____ to succeed was evident in her every action.
17. The actor's _____ was widely praised during the awards season.
18. The research provided valuable _____ into consumer behavior.
19. The project cast a long _____ over the organization's reputation.
20. Participation in the survey was _____ and not mandatory.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The company implemented strict guidelines to protect clients' privacy. |
| 22. He left behind a rich legacy that continues to inspire future generations. |
| 23. She decided to take a solo trip around the world to find herself. |
| 24. Her powerful speech had the ability to influence the decision-making process. |
| 25. You must apply for the internship before the deadline to be considered. |
| 26. He always aims to perform at his best in all competitions. |
| 27. There are many opportunities for growth and development in this field. |
| 28. The road was blocked due to construction, causing significant delays. |
| 29. The company's immediate response to the crisis was commendable. |
| 30. The classic film was remastered for a new generation of viewers to enjoy. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Lawsuit 2. Privacy 3. Consent 4. Documentary 5. Anniversary 6. Remastered 7. Release 8. Resources 9. Role 10. Minor

Gap-Fill: 11. plaintiff 12. distribution 13. focus 14. session 15. abundance 16. determination 17. performance 18. insights 19. shadow 20. optional

Matching sentence: 1. privacy 2. legacy 3. solo 4. influence 5. apply 6. perform 7. opportunities 8. blocked 9. response 10. remastered



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