

MJ: The Man in the Mirror Analyzed

The life of Michael Joseph Jackson (1958-2009) was extraordinary, to say the least. He was a singer, songwriter, dancer, and cultural icon who became one of the most popular entertainers in the world. His life and work is a combination of talent and contradiction, and as a result, worth detailed investigation. Therefore, we are issuing a call for a special edition on his contribution to the world of entertainment specifically; and human social-political culture in general.

The possible topics include, but are not limited to:

MJ as songwriter
MJ in relationship to the globalization of American culture
The social psychology of MJ
The politics of MJ
Intellectualizing MJ
What MJ did/didn't do for the African world?
MJ and the celebrity-mass media dichotomy
MJ: African American tolerance and acceptance
MJ: Identity crisis or simply eccentric
Michaelmania: The myth and the reality
MJ: Law and Society (accusations of child molestation)
MJ: Childhood robbery?
MJ: The commoditization of an image (the man-child persona)
MJ: Innovation-creativity
The politics-racism of the music industry (did MJ reach the core?)
MJ: Moonwalk dancer

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