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Support Materials 1 (Activity Sheet)

Exploring Michael Jackson’s Popularity

Facts about Michael Jackson	Does this fact suggest that his death affected his popularity?
Michael Jackson died on June 25 th , 2009. After the tragedy, the sales of his albums soared for the rest of the year, making him the top selling artist of 2009.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
After Jackson’s death, a crater on the moon was named after him. This is an illustrious honour: other moon craters are named after Leonardo da Vinci, Christopher Columbus, Sir Isaac Newton, and Julius Caesar.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
The owner of the Fulham Football Club in England was a friend of Jackson’s. He placed a statue of Jackson outside the stadium. One fan thought it was an April Fool’s joke. Another said, “we’re a laughing stock.”	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
Michael Jackson sold 715 million albums during his lifetime, and 35 million albums in the twelve months following his death.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
The first week sales of <i>This Is It</i> , the album released after his death, were slightly higher than the first week sales of his previous album, <i>Invincible</i> , released in 2001.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
<i>This Is It</i> , released after Jackson’s death got mixed reviews from the critics. One called the title song, “a decent if slight addition to Jackson’s songbook.”	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
From July to December 2009, three of Jackson’s albums from the 1980s and 1990s sold more than any new album released that year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
The remix album, <i>Immortal</i> , released in 2011 sold 43,000 copies in its first week, and peaked in the US billboard chart at 24 th .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
Throughout Jackson’s long and fantastic career, he won 13 Grammy Awards not including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award , and 26 American Music Awards .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
In 2006, The Guinness Book of World Records declared Michael Jackson the most successful entertainer of all time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say
Jackson’s doctor was implicated in his death and charged with manslaughter. However the doctor’s trial was not as popular as other high profile cases that year, including a young woman accused of killing her roommate in Italy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can’t say