The Biographical History of Michael Joseph Jackson began when he was born on the 29th of August 1958 in Gary, Indiana. He was the 7th of nine children. (brothers: Sigmund "Jackie", Toriano "Tito", Jermaine, Marlon, Steven "Randy", and sisters Rebbie, Janet and La-Toya Jackson.)

Michael began his musical career at the age of 5 as the lead singer of the Jackson 5 who formed in 1964. In these early years the Jackson 5, Jackie, Jermaine, Tito, Marlon and lead singer Michael played local clubs and bars in Gary Indiana. Later, as their talents grew, they could compete in bigger competitions. From these early days Michael would be at the same clubs as big talented stars of that time, such as Jackie Wilson and would be learning from them even back then.

In 1968 the Jackson five got an audition for Berry Gordy of Motown Records. The Jackson 5 signed with Motown and moved to California. Their first 4 singles, "I Want You Back", "ABC", "The Love You Save", and "I'll Be There" were all US Number 1 hits. The Jackson 5 recorded 14 albums and Michael recorded 4 solo albums with Motown Records.

The Jackson 5 stayed with Motown until 1976. Then, wanting more artistic freedom they moved on to sign with Epic Records. Because Motown owned the name “Jackson 5”, it had to be changed back to “The Jacksons”. Brother Jermaine married Berry Gordy's daughter and left the group, so youngest brother Randy joined in his place. The Jacksons had a number of hit records and in total made 6 albums between the years of 1976 and 1984.

In 1977 Michael made his first film debut when he starred in the musical 'The Wiz' playing Scarecrow with Diana Ross in the lead role of Dorothy. It was at this time Michael met Quincy Jones who wrote and produced the score for the film.

Michael teamed up with Quincy Jones as his producer for his first solo album with Epic Records. The album titled "Off The Wall" was a big success around the world and the first ever album to release a record breaking 4 number 1 singles in the US.

In 1982 Michael Jackson released the world's largest selling album of all time, 'Thriller'. This album produced 7 hit singles, breaking more records, and went on to sell over 50 million copies worldwide. Michael was the first to use music videos, or short films as he called them, to promote his singles from the album. He worked with the best directors and producers, using the latest technology and special effects for the hit song 'Billie Jean.' The short film 'Thriller' used the latest make-up techniques combined with fantastic dancing and choreography, to produce a 14 minute video, with a beginning, a middle and an ending. This video was so successful that 'The Making Of Michael Jackson's Thriller' became the world's largest selling home video at the time. In 1983 Michael performed the now legendary moonwalk for the
first time on the 'Motown 25 years' anniversary show. This performance alone sent Michael into the realm of superstardom.

In 1984 Michael won a record breaking 8 Grammy awards in one night. The awards were for his work on the 'Thriller' album and his work as the narrator of the 'ET Storybook'.

In 1987 Michael released his much awaited third solo album, titled 'Bad', and launched his record breaking first solo world tour. At the end of the 1980s Michael was named 'Artist Of The Decade' for his success off of his 'Thriller' and 'Bad' albums.

In 1991 Michael signed with Sony Music - the largest ever recording contract - and released his fourth solo album, 'Dangerous'. He toured the world again in 1992, taking his concerts to countries that had never before been visited by a pop/rock artist. Also Michael founded the 'Heal the World Foundation' to help improve the lives of children across the world.

In 1994 Michael married Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of rock legend Elvis Presley. The marriage only lasted for 19 months, as they divorced in 1996.

1995 saw Michael release a fifth solo album, 'HIStory', and toured again over a 2 year period. In between concert dates, on November 14th 1996, Michael married for his second time to Debbie Rowe who was a nurse that Michael had met in the treatment of his skin pigment disorder. Together they had their first child Prince Michael Joseph Jackson, Jr. born on February 13, 1997, and daughter Paris Michael Katherine Jackson born on April 3rd 1998.

In September, 2001 Michael celebrated his 30th anniversary as a solo artist with two concerts to be held in New York, USA. Many artists such as Whitney Houston, Usher, Destiny’s Child, Shaggy and many more performed their own and Michael Jackson’s past songs. Michael then reunited with all of his brothers and performed their biggest hits. Michael then went onto perform some of his biggest solo hits.

In October 2001 Michael released the album 'Invincible' which only released 2 singles and was not very successful. Shortly after the album’s release there were rumors of a break up with Sony Music Company, who did not promote the album well.

In November 2003 a new single "One More Chance" was released as a single and was also a track on a new compilation album called "Number Ones".

In March 2009, Michael announced a shocking comeback tour at in London to start in July 2009. At first, there were only 10 dates scheduled, but the total grew to a sold out 50 dates with over 750,000 tickets sold. All of the show dates sold out within minutes of being released.

On June 25th 2009 Michael Jackson died suddenly of a reported cardiac arrest. He was 50 years old.