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Michael Jordan vs LeBron James Compare and Contrast Reading Comprehension	B, C, A, A, B

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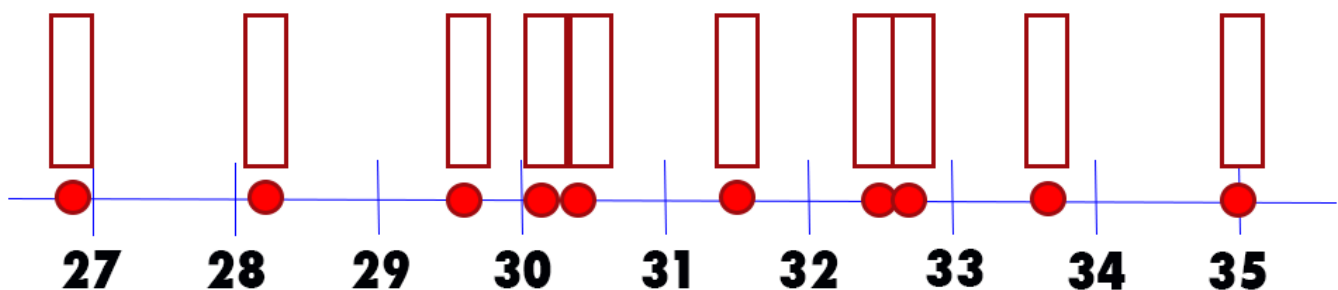
Michael Jordan Basketball Card Math

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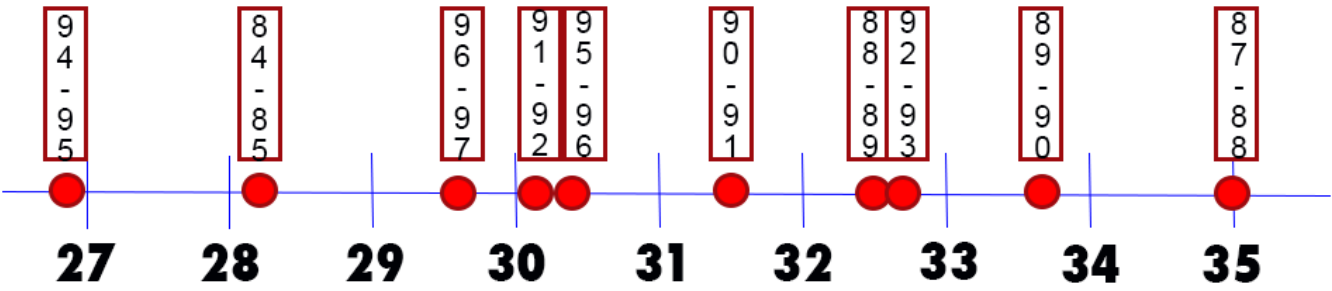
Directions: Look at Michael Jordan's scoring average for his first ten years and then look at the number line provided for you. On top of each point on the number line, indicate the correct year.

Scoring Average for Michael Jordan (points per game)	
1984-1985	28.2
1985-1986	22.7
1986-1987	37.1
1987-1988	35.0
1988-1989	32.5
1989-1990	33.6
1990-1991	31.5
1991-1992	30.1
1992-1993	32.6
1994-1995	26.9
1995-1996	30.4
1996-1997	29.6

In the blanks above the number line, fill in the correct year. For example, for 1984-1985, you can use "84-85." The two extreme averages, or outliers, are not represented on the chart below.



Answers



Measures of Central Tendency

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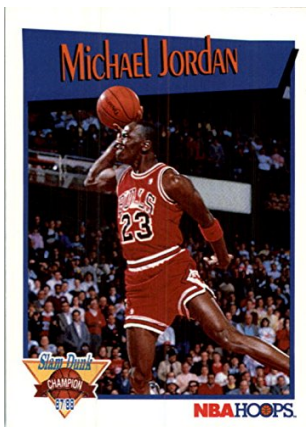
Below is a chart that shows the heights (in inches) of the 1991-1992 Chicago Bulls basketball team. Your job is to find the mean, median, mode, and range for height. First, let's review the definitions of each.

Mean – Average

Median – Middle Number

Mode – Most Common Number

Range – Difference between highest number and lowest number



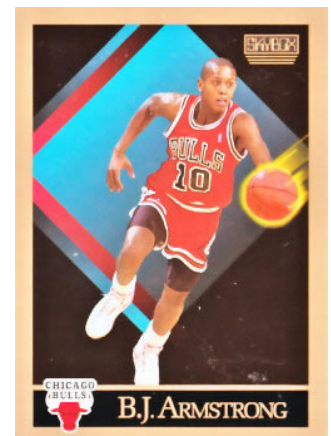
Michael Jordan
78 inches



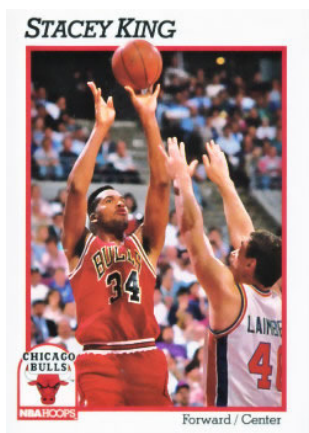
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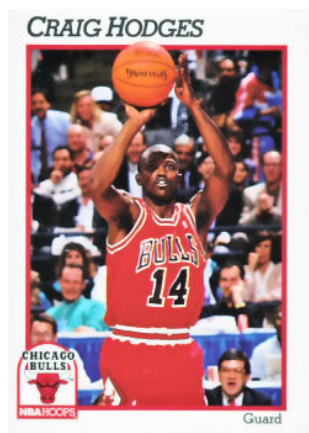
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82 inches



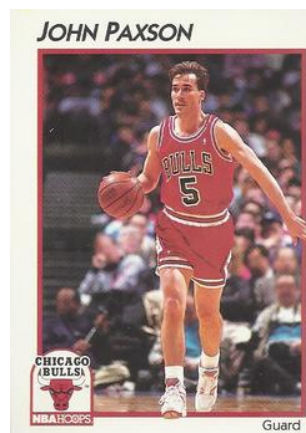
B.J. Armstrong
74 inches



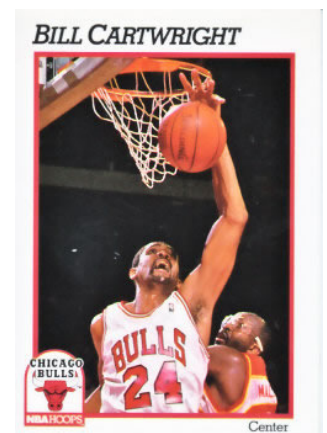
Stacey King
83 inches



Craig Hodges
74 inches



John Paxson
74 inches



Bill Cartwright
85 inches

1. What is the mean height in inches for the Chicago Bulls players? To find the mean, find the total number of inches and divide by the number of players.
2. What is the median height in inches of the Chicago Bulls players? To find median, line each player's height from least to greatest and find the middle number. In this case, you'll have to find the two middle numbers, add them together, and divide by two.
3. What is the mode in inches of the Chicago Bulls players? Simply find the most common height?
4. What is the range of heights in inches for the Chicago Bulls players? To find range, simply subtract the lowest value from the highest value.

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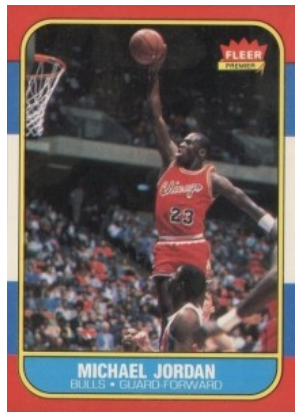
1. **78.625 inches (rounded up – 79 inches, or 6'7")**

2. **74 | 74 | 74 | 78 | 79 | 82 | 83 | 85**

Median = 78.5 inches (rounded up – 79 inches, or 6'7")

3. **Mode = 74 inches**

4. **$85 - 74 = 11$ inches**

“Air” vs “King”

Michael Jordan



LeBron James

Both Michael Jordan and LeBron James are considered among the greatest professional basketball players to have ever lived, although they never played head-to-head, as Jordan retired just before James played his first game. Both players were incredible scorers, amazing defenders, bloodthirsty competitors, and trend-setting icons of the NBA. Michael Jordan was voted into the professional basketball Hall-of-Fame in 2009 and LeBron James will be voted in as soon he is eligible. At the time this article was written (in 2018), LeBron James was still considered the best player in the NBA. The question is: Who was better – “Air” Jordan or “King” James?

For Jordan – This is an easy argument. Michael Jordan was clearly the better player. First and foremost, he won all six NBA championships he played in. Furthermore, he was named MVP in all six! Even though LeBron has played in seven NBA Finals, he has only been victorious three times. That means LeBron and his team lost four NBA championships. Winning championships is the easiest way to judge a player’s greatness.

Jordan’s accolades are endless. He won the NBA scoring title ten times (compared to just one scoring title for James) and was named the NBA’s most valuable player a mind-blowing five times! Jordan was so good at basketball, that after this third NBA championship, he took a year off to play baseball. When he came back to the NBA, he promptly won three consecutive championships all over again with the Bulls. I know LeBron is great, but no one can compare to Jordan.

Rebuttal For James – Jordan may have won all six championships he played in, but James has already played in seven and has several more years to play. Championships aren’t necessarily the best way to measure how great a player is, although three is nothing to “sneeze” at.

At the age of 34, LeBron James already has more career assists, rebounds, and three-point baskets made than Jordan had in his entire career. If he plays to 40, (like Jordan did) he’ll easily surpass him on the NBA’s all-time points scored list. LeBron is the most versatile player the NBA has ever seen and can play point guard, shooting guard, and both forward positions. Obviously Jordan was a great player, but Jordan couldn’t play four positions.

1. Which of the following makes it difficult to judge who was better?

- A. Michael Jordan played baseball for a year
- B. LeBron James is still playing professional basketball
- C. Jordan and James played in different cities
- D. Both Jordan and James played in a lot of NBA championships

2. The first author believes...

- A. a player's greatness can be judged by how many points he scores.
- B. a player's greatness can be judged by how many championships he participates in.
- C. a player's greatness can be judged by how many championships he wins.
- D. a player's greatness can be judged by how many All-star games he plays in.

3. What does the second author suggest?

- A. If LeBron James plays as long as Michael Jordan, he may win more championships and pass him on the all-time scoring list
- B. If LeBron James plays as long as Michael Jordan, he might become a more versatile player
- C. If LeBron James plays as long as Michael Jordan, he might accumulate more assists and rebounds than Jordan
- D. Being in seven total championships is better than winning six.

4. What does "versatile" mean as used in the following sentence?

LeBron is the most versatile player the NBA has even seen and can play point guard, shooting guard, and both forward positions.

- A. Multitalented
- B. Complicated
- C. Similar
- D. Abundant

5. What do Jordan and James have in common?

- A. They have been in the same number of NBA championships
- B. They were both great defenders
- C. They are both currently in the Professional Basketball Hall-of-Fame
- D. They both played at the same time

Michael Jordan Basketball Card Math

Name _____

Fill in the estimated percentage for three-point basket percentage and free-throw percentage.

Percentages are found in these cases by dividing the number made (for example three-point baskets) by the number attempted and multiplying by 100. For example, in the 1984-1985 season, Michael Jordan attempted 52 three-point shots and made 9 of them.

9 divided by 52 = .173

.173 (100) = 17.3%

Hence, in the 1984-1985 season, Michael Jordan made 17.3 percent of his three-point baskets he tried.

That same year, he attempted 746 free-throws and made 630

630 divided by 746 = .845

.845 (100) = 84.5%

Hence, in the 1984-1985 season, Michael Jordan made 84.5 percent of free-throws he tried.

Often times, it is useful to be able to look at the numbers can calculate a rough estimate of statistics such as percentages. See how well you can estimate below. Fill in the blanks below using your best estimations. We would obviously expect free-throw percentage to be much higher than three-point percentage.

Year	3 pointers made	3-pointers attempted	Estimated percentage	Free-throws made	Free-throws attempted	Estimated percentage
1991-92	27	100		491	590	
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Fact or Fiction?

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Below is a biography on Michael Jordan. On the following page is a chart with ten statements. Indicate whether each statement is fact or fiction.

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Michael Jordan: Main Idea and Supporting Detail Sentences

Name: _____

Below are three headings at the beginnings of paragraphs. Below the chart are the associated supporting detail sentences. Which sentences would appear under which heading? Use the numbers before the sentences so you don't have to write the entire sentence. Order matters!

The Birth of Greatness	Business Bonanza	New Challenges in the Nation's Capital

1. He became a brand ambassador for Nike shoes, and his Air Jordan brand would become one of the most popular sports apparel lines in history.
2. After retiring for the second time, and after winning six NBA titles, and numerous other personal awards and MVP's, Jordan decided to return to the court with the Washington Wizards.
3. He also scored endorsement deals with Gatorade, Hanes, and even starred in the 1996 movie Space Jam.
4. His impact on the Bulls, and the NBA is general was immediate.
5. Michael Jordan was made the third overall pick in the 1984 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls.
6. In his rookie year (first year), he scored forty or more points seven times and won the NBA Rookie of the Year Award.
7. Jordan's incredible performance on the basketball court soon led to lucrative business opportunities.
8. On February 21, 2003, Jordan became the first forty-year-old player to score forty points in a game, when she scored 43 in the Wizards victory over the New Jersey Nets.

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5 4 6	7 1 3	2 8

Early Life

Roberto Clemente Walker was born on August 18, 1934, in Barrio San Anton, Carolina, Puerto Rico. Growing up, Roberto played baseball and participated in track and field.

Baseball Career

Roberto made a major impact in both the Pirates and Major League Baseball. He played outfield with the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1955 to 1972. He was selected for the National League All-Star team 15 times, won 12 Gold Glove Awards, and won four National League batting titles. Ironically, the last hit in Roberto's baseball career was his 3000th.

Humanitarian Efforts

Roberto was famous for helping people in need across the United States and Central America and held free baseball clinics for children in Puerto Rico. He became the honorary chairman of an earthquake relief committee that raised \$150,000 and gathered nearly 26 tons of relief supplies for people in Nicaragua. Tragically, on New Year's Eve, he died when the plane he was on to deliver the supplies crashed into the Atlantic Ocean.

Michael Jordan Printable Reading Comprehension

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- 1. What happened between Michael's sophomore and junior years in high school?**
 - A. He scored 25 points per game as a junior
 - B. He averaged a triple-double per game
 - C. He grew four inches
 - D. He was offered a scholarship to Georgetown University
- 2. Which of the following was true about Michael's college career?**
 - A. He was part of a team that won a national championship
 - B. He left college after his junior year to enter into the NBA draft
 - C. He attended the University of North Carolina
 - D. All of the Above
- 3. Which of the following statements best describes how Jordan's NBA career started?**
 - A. He had growing pains
 - B. He fizzled out early in his career
 - C. He was an immediate star
 - D. His first two years were the best two years of his career
- 4. If the answer to a question is "1986-1987," what could be the question?**
 - A. In what season was Jordan drafted?
 - B. In what season did Jordan suffer a series foot injury?
 - C. In what season did Jordan have the highest scoring average in his career?
 - D. In what season did the Bulls make its first NBA finals?
- 5. Which is NOT true about Michael Jordan?**
 - A. He also enjoyed a successful baseball career
 - B. He starred in a Disney film
 - C. He was on teams that won six combined NBA championships
 - D. He won two Olympic medals
- 6. Why did Michael Jordan retire for the second time?**
 - A. He was getting old
 - B. He was injured
 - C. He had nothing left to accomplish
 - D. He felt his days of winning NBA championships were over
- 7. Which of the following best supports the notion that Jordan was one of the most respected athletes of all time?**
 - A. He averaged 22.9 points per game with the Washington Wizards
 - B. He became the first player to score 40 points in a game at age 40
 - C. Even the harsh fans in Philadelphia gave him a standing ovation
 - D. He is now the owner of the Charlotte Bobcats

Sequencing the Life of Michael Jordan

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Instructions: Read the narrative on Michael Jordan. Then, sequence the events from earliest to latest.

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Answers

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2000.	7
Michael Jordan became owner of the Charlotte Bobcats.	10
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Michael Jordan Cloze Reading for Grades 4-6

Name _____

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

Michael Jordan is widely _____ one of the greatest _____ in sports history. Not only did he end his career as the National Basketball Association's third leading scorer of all time, but he led his Chicago Bulls to six championships and was voted Most Valuable Player in all six. He will be forever _____ for his incredible slam-dunks, _____ moves, and game-winning shots.

Jordan was also one most _____ business people in sports history. He signed _____ deals with many major companies such as McDonalds, Gatorade, MCI, and Wheaties. Many of the commercials he _____ in, such as Gatorade's "If I could be Like Mike, " became instant _____.

Words:

successful
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