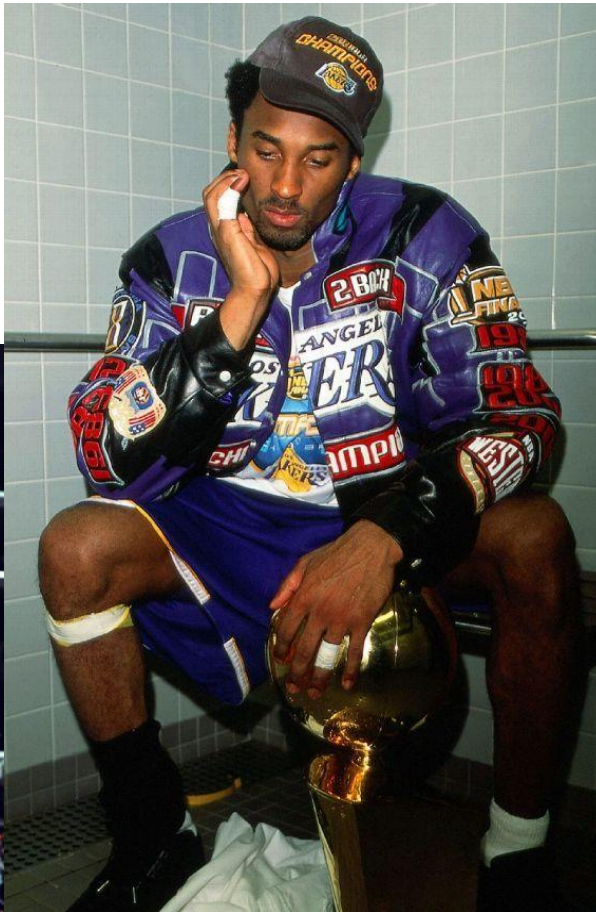


Kobe Bryant, Black Mamba



The United States and sporting world mourn the loss of Kobe Bryant who died along side his 13 year old daughter in a helicopter crash in California on January 26, 2020.

Everyone seems to know who Kobe Bryant is after such a successful basketball career. Kobe won the NBA championship 5 times with the Los Angeles Lakers. Bryant grew up in Philadelphia and went to the NBA immediately after high school. During his first season or rookie year in the NBA, Kobe won the slam dunk contest, becoming a fan favorite. He and Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers to 3 straight championships including a win over Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers in 2000.

Kobe Bryant was known for his scoring ability and he led the NBA with the most points in the league for several seasons. He was also one of the top defenders in the league. His quickness led to his nickname black mamba, named after a super quick snake. In addition to his NBA victories, Kobe won 2 gold medals in the Olympics in 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London. All of Kobe's success comes from his work ethic. He was not the biggest, tallest, or fastest, but he always did his best and trained everyday to be the best basketball player ever.

- 1) Where is Kobe Bryant from ? Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Philadelphia
- 2) How many times did Kobe win the NBA ?
- 3) What is Kobe known for ? A. Scoring, B. Defense, C. Working hard, D. All of the above
- 4) Why do they call him "Black Mamba" ? A. He is strong, B. He is mean, C. He is fast, D. He likes snakes.