PART A ;

Elvis Presley is the unforgotten King of Rock N' Roll who rose from humble circumstances to engage in the rock revolution with his amazing voice and talented abilities. Born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8th 1935. Elvis was the son of Gladys and Vernon Presley. More specifically, his mother was a sewing machine operator and his father was a truck driver. Who would have thought that Elvis would spear head one of the most important cultural forces in history? and also present "a hip-shaking symbol of liberation for the staid America of the 1950s." At the time he brought together in unity, both lines of the segregated borders and performed his art with a "natural sexuality" that made him a role model to many rebel teenagers. Elvis actually had a twin brother, Jesse Garon who was unfortunately stillborn(born dead) which led Elvis to grow up as a single child with no living brothers or sisters. In 1938, when Elvis was only three years old his father Vernon served an eight month prison sentence for writing bad checks. In addition, towards having served a term in prison, Vernon's employment kept the family just above the poverty level. The Presley's attended the "First Assembly of God Church" which surrounded Elvis with gospel music of the Pentecostal Church and in 1945 Elvis won second prize in the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Diary Show. In 1948, the Presley's moved to Memphis, where he attended L.C. Humes High School and was again exposed to music such as blues and jazz on Beale Street. Upon graduation of high school in 1953 Presley worked at the Precision Tool Company and then drove a truck for a Crown Electric company, while at the same time having this love towards music, so Elvis decided to visit the "Memphis Recording Service" which was also home to "Sun Records" to record his special voice. When Sam Phillips the main producer for Memphis recording's heard Presley's vocals he immediately teamed him with up-coming guitarist Scotty Moore and bassist Bill Black to produce "That's All Right" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" which created the sort of say the blueprint for rock and roll. Since then and after five ground breaking singles, RCA records purchased Elvis's contract from Sun Records for $35,000 and with some connections Hill and Range publishers purchased Sam Phillips Hi-Lo music for another staggering amount of $15,000. The contract in which Elvis was involved, was a written agreement. Along with another $5000 in advance Elvis purchased a pink Cadillac for his mother, which to this day remains among his possessions preserved at his Graceland residency and also which is in control by Lisa Marie. Elvis Presley became a national star in 1956. That same year on January 28th, the singer made his first ever television debut on "Dorsey Brothers" (a stage show at the time) and from that moment on there were consecutive appearances on several shows and televised programs. In March of 1956, Parker signed Presley to a "managerial agreement that he would receive 25 percent of Presley’s earnings." The contract in the matter of which we are speaking of will last through Presley’s lifetime and beyond. Eventually, Elvis's "career momentum was interrupted by a two-year army stint in Germany" where he found the love of his life and future wife, Priscilla. Throughout the 1960s he mainly focused on making movies and recording new tracks in the studio then around the 1970s he started performing and touring constantly in front of crowds and crowds of people all around the country until his death in August of 1977, [date of death: August 16th, 1977] Memphis, TN. It was a sad day in the world of rock and roll when the news broke out that Elvis Presley died from cardiac arrhythmia (heart attack) at Graceland, his Memphis mansion, he was only 42 years old. Hundreds of people gathered when Presley was buried in a mausoleum at Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis. About two years later, his father, Vernon, died and was also buried in the same location. With his father dead, all of Presley’s estate passed on to Lisa Marie the current sole heir. Litigations over the estate ended in June of 1983 after 21 months of court proceedings with a settlement that ended four lawsuits. Lisa Marie was of-course appointed guardian ad litem, "Blanchard Tual, wrote in his report on Presley’s financial affairs that Parker had handled affairs not in Elvis but in his own best interest.” Priscilla Presley assumed authority of the estate and through a number of business deals which made the Presley estate several times more valuable than it had ever been during Elvis's lifetime. As a recording artist, Elvis Presley is undisputed when his accomplishments are in question, he is believed to have sold more than one billion records world-wide. Elvis to this day still appears to hold the largest number of gold, platinum, and multiplatinum certifications of any artist in the history of rock and roll.  
  
   
  
 PART D ;

In my opinion or reflection on Elvis Presley's estate plan I believe that he was very generous and kind. He clearly stated that he wanted any person to which he may be related or even the father of by any circumstance for if he didn't know would assume the right to inherit from his death. He enjoyed spending his earnings and because of that the cost of maintaining his famed Graceland estate was enormous, more importantly, Elvis mortgaged it late in his life to help continue his payroll. At the time of his tragic heart attack on August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley's "bank account had only about five million dollars and his total estate was worth a reported 10.2 million dollars." I feel as if it was vital for him to show that he loved his family and that he didn't want anyone to be left out or sort of say excluded from inheriting. Elvis was a singer and a entertainer who redefined popular music and the legacy he left behind will never be forgotten, nor lost. Elvis Presley, the true King of Rock and Roll!

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