



AJ in front of the Talmadge Bridge in Savannah



AJ at school



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## We Asked AJ...

### Where did you grow up?

I grew up right here in Savannah, Georgia. My family moved around a bit, so I attended quite a few schools including White Bluff, Charles Ellis, Largo-Tibet, Derenne, Windsor Forest, and Savannah High, where I graduated from.

### When was your first hip hop concert?

When I was in fourth grade, about 10 years old, me and my buddy went to the Civic Center in Savannah to a hip hop show with Run-D.M.C. and other hip hop artists.

### What are some of your favorite things about hip hop?

Hip hop is a way to share important messages that can be personal or inspire and challenge what is happening in the world around us. I love that hip hop gives me a way to express my connection and pride to my Savannah community. Hip hop can also inspire others to “plug-in” to their own creativity. It evolves with every generation into different forms of expression that still lie within the culture of hip hop and I find that “hip”!

### What do you like to do for fun?

I have lots of energy, so I like to do anything that keeps me active. I play football and tennis. I like to cook and play games, such as dominoes, with my students. I love history and studied it in college.