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When I was a child I liked to hang out with my father. I would go every where with him. He worked at an auto body shop. I liked to see him fix up broken down cars like it was nothing.

When I was a child, I thought at night someone or something would grab me under my bed. I would be scared to leave my bed. So I would jump on top of my dresser which was next to the door.

When I was a child I used to play Manhunt with my friends. Manhunt is another word for tag. We used to play in abandoned buildings. You'd have to try to hide from the Manhunter. If the Manhunter catches you he punches you for a number of times on your arm.

I also played video games and tackle football on the streets. I think the best game I ever played was doctor. My friend would be the doctor first. I would come into the room and she would give me a complete physical. And then I played the doctor role.

Joseph Clark

When I was a child I used to go everywhere with my father. It didn't matter where we went. If my dad was to go to the store I was going with him no matter what. I used to get my way; if not I'd have a tantrum.

As time went by I didn't even have to ask my father if I could go with him. He'd just say, "Get your coat. We're going out." The reason why I liked to hang out with my father was because my father was cool. When we went to the park to hang out my dad would put on his radio and he would do a funny dance from the past. But don't get me wrong, he'd look cool doing the funny dance.

The best place I liked to go with my dad was to his job. He was a mechanic at an auto body repair shop. I would see

people bring in broken down cars that could barely run. And once my dad starts fixing it up there's no stopping him. I loved seeing him work. He knew just what to do. He finds the problem and fixes it. And when the car starts to run again I'd be proud to call him my dad.

Kevin Davidson

When I was a child I used to go to a girl's house every day after school. When I was a child I used to fly kites with my friend. I used to play 'One, two, three', 'red light', 'Cops and Robbers', 'Soccer', 'Cricket'. I used to play on a soccer team in Jamaica at my school. My team used to win the championship. We were the best.

When I was a child my mother used to take care of me. When I did not do good in school she always was there for me. Sometimes my mother took me to visit my grandmother. My grandmother was a very nice person.

When I was a child I would want to be a reggae artist. I would like to make some money so I could buy house. But you have to work hard to make a living. Life is not very easy when you are living on your own.

Daniel Guity

When I was a child I liked to play games like basketball. My favorite sport or game was baseball. I played on a team for about three years and I really liked the sport. As years went by I got better and better. Even my team got better over the years, and we won championships. My last year was sad because I had to move and I had to leave my team. So when I moved I had to look for another team and when I finally found one it was never the same. They had a lot to learn about baseball. Now I'm not on a team. Now I just play with my brothers.

The people that really care about me have to be my mother, brothers and sister. Those are really the people that have been with me through thick and thin. My mother cares about me the most.

When I was sick she was there. When I need someone to talk to she is there. So my mother is really the one that cares for me. There's really no one else. One incident that happened to me was when I got cut on my head. My mother was called at work and she came to my school and picked me up. She took me to the hospital.

Something that I regret doing was not taking my schoolwork seriously. If I had taken my school work seriously I wouldn't be here. So that's what I regret about myself. I would have been in college or working at a good job or working to save money to go to college. Going to college is my mother's dream for me. I would like to fulfill my mother's dream. So now I feel bad and I regret doing what I did in school, not behaving and doing my work in class. So I don't feel like I only let

myself down, but my mother also. If I had a chance to turn the clock back, I would go back to school and do well.

There are other things I should have done, like listen to my mother telling me I need an education to get a good job. When she used to tell me life is hard, like other kids I never paid her any mind. But, as I got older I began to realize everything my mother was telling me was the truth.

Erik Nesbitt

When I was a child I was always active. I liked sports such as football, basketball, and baseball. As a child I played games such as 'Freeze Tag', 'Color Tag', 'Cops and Robbers', and other silly games. I also wanted to be a movie star in an action film. I liked the fact of going on a mission and saving someone at the end and being a hero. Martial Arts was a style of fighting I wanted to learn and maybe master some day. It wasn't just the offensive or defensive moves, it was the strong concentration that fighters maintain during exercise.

When I was a child I didn't like school. I hated to read and do other academic related subjects sometimes. The only thing I liked was gym. The other times I would be daydreaming in class and

didn't know what was going on. But surprisingly it wasn't always like that. At times I wanted to go to school and learn something new.

I was very close to my family yet I used to always argue with them. My brother and sister always argued and fought with me. My mom and dad would teach me right from wrong in life and how things function.

There were many things I wanted to be when I was a kid. I preferred to be a kid back then instead of now because I would probably be worse off if I had been born any later. I would probably have been a murderer in the state pen! Now I understand the real meaning of life. I realize that in order to be successful I have to study hard and concentrate.

Henry José Ramirez

When I was a child the people that cared about me were my family, especially my mother and my grandmother. When I had problems in school my mother was always there. When my mother was working I stayed with my grandmother. I spent most of the time with her. When I was sick my grandmother was there taking care of me. When I came back from school I used to go outside to play with my friends. I remember that my grandmother was always saying that I had to play where she could see me. She wanted to be the first one to know.

When I was a child I thought life was easy. I thought life was just playing with my friends, eating and sleeping. Because I didn't have responsibility I didn't have to pay any bills. But now I know that I have to work very hard so when I'm old I can take it easy.

David Sano

When I was a child I was quiet. When I was small I was shy and also did what I was told. I always went to school every day.

The games I liked were board games and sports games. The sports games I played all the time were football, basketball, baseball, handball and other sports that I was very good at. The board games I very much liked were chess, checkers and tic tac toe. Some other good games were Cops and Robbers, Nintendo, Tag, House, and Monopoly. They're the games I played when I was small.



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