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What It Means To Be A Black Belt

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I started training in Martial Arts when I was 4 years old; I am now 11 years old. I have trained 5 of the 7 years with Mr. Taylor. Over the five years of doing Martial Arts with Mr. Taylor, I have learned how to focus, be respectful, responsible, and discipline. These four things have helped me in my everyday life, in school and in soccer. It is not easy to be a martial artist you have to be dedicated and enthusiastic. It takes a lot of training, time, effort, dedication, and responsibility to become a great martial artist.

I have had a lot of great experiences training with Mr. Taylor. One of my greatest memories is when I was five years old, Mr. Taylor asked me to do a demo with him at Gibraltar Trade Center. I was very nervous performing in front of a large crowd for the very first time. However, I did great and had so much fun doing the demo with Mr. Taylor and I am very proud to be one of the original Poison Clan members.

Another great experience I have is breaking my first brick when I was 6 years old. I was so scared and nervous but Mr. Taylor was right there rooting me on, building up my confidence that I could do it and I did it! I thought for sure it would hurt my hand, but of course, Mr. Taylor was right, it didn't hurt at all. From that point on, my confidence level had gone up and I was ready to break more brick. I now can break at least 4 brick at once and did so live on Fox 2 news with Mr. Taylor. That will be another long lasting memory in my Martial Arts career.

Becoming a black belt has been a dream of mine since I started training in martial arts. I am so proud of myself for sticking with it and not giving up through all the tough training. Being a martial artist is a great honor and a great responsibility. Mr. Taylor is a role model to me and I want to be a role model to other martial artists just like him. As a black belt, I hope to be a great teacher and teach others as good as Mr. Taylor has taught me. I want to thank Mr. Taylor for his confidence, support, and always being there for me. If it weren't for Mr. Taylor sharing all his knowledge I would not be earning my black belt today. Also, thank you to my family for supporting me in karate and always being there for me.