

## I.T. (FULL BIO AND INFLUENCE)

Travis "I.T." Meade is an American rapper, songwriter, and multi-faceted performer. He was born in Staten Island, New York on February 16th 1991 to parents Heather and James Meade. His mother is West Indian (black), born in Barbados, and his father is a New York native Irish-Italian (white).

I.T.'s appreciation for music developed at an early age listening to his parents play classic rock, funk, and jazz oldies during car rides. He was inspired as early as 6 years old by emotional song writers like Eric Clapton, Billy Joel, and Ray Charles. He began writing poetry at 10 years old, and in his formative years as a writer, I.T. immersed himself in the works of hip-hop's greatest lyricists like Eminem, Ludacris, Fabolous, and Lil Wayne. Finding his commercial voice in more recent years, he has found inspiration from artists like J Cole, Kendrick Lamar, Drake, Travis Scott, and Chance the Rapper.

I.T. Has always been determined to self-start an independent career as a rapper, so he pursued a 4 year business degree from Rutgers University Newark. He began working a full-time career in logistics, trying to earn enough during the day to be a rapper at night, until he was forced to make a choice. With this unquenched thirst for music, he knew he would never truly be satisfied in any other career. So he asked for support from his family, friends, and God, and he took a leap of faith.

He's been working his entire life to make this happen. And he's going to make I.T. OFFICIAL.