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Do The Write Thing Essay

Violence is a thing that has been around since forever. Now there is youth violence and other kids are affected by violence too. Violence has affected my life because when there is an act of violence there is a lot of chaos everywhere and confusion. Road blocks are set up to make people go around the crime scene. Now my parents watch the news when something bad happens to learn what is happening. Also I remember one time when I was in a summer program and I had to stay back in the school because someone shot a cop in the neighborhood. I stayed back at the school until my mom picked me up.

Some of the reasons of youth violence are; poverty, depression, bullying, possessions, bad choices, jealousy, and being desensitized to violence. Now I will explain how these thing lead to violence. Poverty (or being poor) can lead to violence because poor people get picked on a lot at school which sometimes lead to suicide or a fight. Depressed people sometimes become too sad to live and commit suicide. Bullying is violence because if it is physical bullying then they push, punch, and kick, the victim. Possessions are a reason of youth violence because little kids fight over items like toys. Bad choices can lead to violence because you can choose to join a gang and that is a bad choice. If you join a gang then you will beat up other people and you will too. Jealousy can lead to violence because when you get older and start dating you might get jealous of a girl or boy and start a fight you can't win. Being desensitized to violence can lead to violence because if you're desensitized to violence you don't realize that violence is bad and you go and cause violence.

There is plenty of things you can do about youth violence, mostly bullying. Many people don't do anything because they think there is nothing they can do. Or they aren't strong enough. Or someone else is going to stand up and do something. Well you are wrong, there is a lot of things you can do, you don't need strength to win a war, and no one is going to stand up and do something. That is your job. These are a couple things you can do about youth violence. If you're a bully then you can play sports like football and put your skill to a more positive cause. Another thing you can do as a bystander is not get involved and walk away. If you walk away then you are taking away the audience and attention the bully wants. You can help and be nice to the victim. The victim is most likely very lonely and has no friends. The next time he/her is going to get bullied you can quickly pull them out of the situation preventing them not getting bullied. Or you can pull the bully out of the situation. Either way you're preventing someone getting bullied. Another thing to do about bullying is to get a teacher or trusted adult. The adult will hopefully deal with the problem and no one gets hurt even more.

In conclusion violence affects everyone one way or another, there is a lot of reasons of youth violence, and there is plenty of things to do about it. So do you think you can do the right thing?