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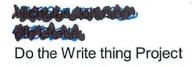
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#### Violence

Violence is everywhere the streets, school, and even home. Violence has affected my life in many different ways. Violence makes it hard for me to walk through my house at night or during the day. Most of family members are even affected by violence. It's something that can be stopped. We can prevent violence in my different ways, we could help others, say hi when we're walking down the street to others and a lot more.

### How violence affected me

Violence has done lots of damage to me. It's driven my family apart, it's even made it hard for me to walk around certain areas of my friends' home. My grandfather was also affected by violence he was put into jail and wasn't able to be a grandfather he could've been. Sometimes people don't show respect for me just because I'm black and they think I'm going to do something bad. But not every black boy is like that, some enjoy helping others in need. There's also good violence which when we fight for people's rights. A lot of cool movies have violence in it but you have to know that it's only a movie and you can't copy what they do in it. So many people have do one me wrong but what you have to is forgive them. Kind of like this story about me in 2nd grade.

## <u>Ikenna</u>

lkenna was a student in Mission Grammar School. He was an A student in almost everything but respect and some other studies. He was also my bully. He would bother and pick on me for no reason at all. I would be walking down to the park for recess and he would come and ruin my happy attitude. I would always wonder why he just picked me. So instead of fighting back I just called my parents, and they came the next day. We all had a talk my parents, the principal, me, and lkenna. We talked for about an hour and the thing you wouldn't think he was bullying me for was because he wanted to be my friend. So we did become friends and I helped him study. That's a good way to solve solve violence problems. Just try to make friends.