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Do the Write Things Essay

My opinion on violence is I think it is an action that gets people killed or hurt and we need to get the violence in the world under control so no other violence happens. Youth violence is a big part of this. Bullying and cyber bullying is very common these days and is only happening because we are allowing it to happen. I think if we put our foot down and actually pay more attention to these kids we would be able to stop youth violence.

Violence is a big part of the problems we frequently run into. Violence has affected my life and the lives of my family. My brother got jumped when he was out with one of his friends. He was waiting in line to go to the bathroom when a guy walks up to my brother and asks him rudely if he could back up because he was blocking the ladies room. My brother asks why? The guy tells him his girlfriend is in the bathroom and my brother says I will move when she comes out. The guy says alright in a mad tone and walks away. So when girls started to leave the bathroom my brother backed up liked he said keeping his word. When my brother left the bar he saw the guy and the guy started making trouble with my brother and his friend. When all of a sudden the guy throws his drink in my brothers face and punches him and my brother's friend tries to grab a few of them but he got punched also. Then a bunch of the guy's friends started joining in and pounded my brother and his friend. After the jumping my brothers face was bubbled up and his friend had a busted lip. Since that day I've been scared to go places after dark without a group of people. The worst thing that I fear is being in my house alone at night.

I think the causes of youth violence is anger, envy and feeling abandoned. One night I was just living life, playing videos games etc. When I heard varying sounds of crashes. I look out the window to see one taxi cab crashed into a bunch of parked cars. The reason was that a teenage kid was catching a cab home and decided he wanted to rob the taxi for all of the drivers money, so he started to choke the driver and he panicked, put his foot on the gas and made the car go crazy. The teen got away before the police got there, but when I went down stairs with my mom to check it out the cab driver's neck was all red and you could see the teens finger prints on each side of the cab driver's adams apple. I think youth violence happens when they don't have the right

people in their lives or the people in their lives were bad influences and didn't teach them not to do what they do.

The things I can do about youth violence is not to influence bad behavior and the top thing I can make sure I stop is bullying. Most of the time when I see bullying I just walk right past it and don't even care if that person is even getting hurt. I'm not going to lie sometimes I even help the bully, which is bad and I am surely going to stop being a non helpful bystander and start being a helpful bystander. Being a helpful bystander isn't hard it can be as easy as going to tell a teacher or you can even step up to the bully and tell them that what they are doing is wrong and they need to stop.

What I am trying to say is violence isn't something to mess around in order for us to stop it we have to work together and be one unit, but youth violence like bullying and cyber bullying is different. One kid could make a difference in youth violence. Making a difference means the simplest things like telling a teacher about bullying, or standing for a kid that is smaller. That is what I think about the violence in schools and the world.