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Violence is when people hurt each other. Violence is a horrible thing that is really hard to stop. Anyone has the capability to cause violence. At anyplace, anywhere, and anytime. It is so frightening that people can do this so easily. Violence has made me scared in many situations. For example, I am sometimes scared that a person can intrude my house and do something horrible. On nights like Halloween people have been shot in my neighborhood. Fights have started. That makes me scared. One day I went to my local Burger King and right in front of me two people started fighting. When I got a haircut my barber and a customer started arguing right in front of me. It is crazy how all of this happens and even though I don't show it I'm sometimes really scared of what I witness or hear. It shouldn't be happening but unfortunately it is. Other than violence in my life there is violence everywhere, happening at any second. When I am watching the news station there is rarely a episode where the news doesn't talk about someone being affected by violence. There is even violence affecting a whole country. In Syria their civil war has affected many civilians that didn't even do anything. They are innocent! Also, it is *unbelievable* of how much violence has been in America. From the American civil war to the World Wars we had and especially today all of the protesters getting hurt or hurting others. It bothers me so much that all of this happens and I want to do something but sometimes I just don't know what to do. Violence may never be stopped on Earth. But we can weaken the menacing force of violence.

Violence can be caused by many ways. It can be caused by revenge for something. It can be caused by drugs or alcohol. Sometimes violence can be caused by the littlest thing. For example, if someone cuts you in a long line that can cause a fight. If someone calls you a mean name that can spark violence. Alot of violence happens because people want power and attention. But the attention just make them look bad.

Violence affects people strongly. Its a burden that we carry. Violence can make us sad, mad, and angry. Violence can even cause *more* violence. Violence is contagious, it is an epidemic that we can't get rid of.

We have the power to weaken violence. We have the power to do almost anything. We can help out those who are being hurt. We have been doing this in Syria and even other places in the world other than U.S. I believe that us kids can weaken this violence. Kids did it back when segregation existed. When my teacher was in school she used to send letters to other countries to release people being held captive and it worked. If they can do it we can do it, too. We can start by getting a lot of attention and having people join us. Then we can peacefully talk and show what we believe should be done. For example we can say that less drugs and guns should be made. Since we are kids people might pay more attention to us than adults. For youth violence in our neighborhoods we can be brave and tell the kid who is causing violence the consequences of violence and what could happen to him/her if they continue. We can stand up for the kid who is being hurt. Together we can bring violence down and weaken this threatening force.