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Do the write thing challenge

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Well, violence hasn't affected me personally but it has affected my feelings and the people around me. They have affected my feelings in so many ways but here is one way they have affected me. Violence has made me cry, wonder, ask, and has made me pray a lot because I am sometimes worried that whatever I saw on the news might happen to me and my family. But my dad told me one day "when something bad happens just pray because God will answer your prayers and will one day when that happens to us he will make sure we are safe and will give us hope and faith. That is why you need to believe in him when something is not going good for you" he said. Until this day I remember all the words that he said to me that day and that was the day of the Boston bombings. Another way violence has affected my life is the way my friends act sometimes. Some of my friends are paranoid because maybe they're mom or dad died or a certain love one maybe died and really misses them and sometimes they don't even want to talk to people because maybe of the way they are feeling and the way they took the death or a certain thing that happened in the lives maybe recently or it happened a long time ago. Another way violence has affected my feelings is the fact that sometimes I feel paranoid because sometimes the things that I seen tv is so graphical that it touches my heart and makes me cry and one event in American history was the Sandy Hook tragedy. That event touched my heart and made me cry so much because I was wondering how the kids that died's parents and how they must feel in that moment and the fact that it was around the time of Christmas and now the kids that died won't get to spend Christmas time with they're families and that must be so heartbreaking to find out that your son or daughter was killed in an in school shooting. If I was they're father or mother I would be heartbroken and wouldn't know what to do with my life except turn to God and ask him for strength, faith and hope in my life because if I was there I would really need it and my family too. Violence has affected the people around me because sometimes the whole family cries and doesn't know what to do with our lives and sometimes we don't turn to God and things in our lives are not the way they are supposed to be and so many things go wrong.

What I think is the cause of youth violence is maybe jealousy between the two or more people or maybe one person owes the other person money they decide to send somebody to kill that person and that is when all the violence starts. Another way violence is created is maybe a personal conflict that that person had with another person and sometimes that may lead to very serious situations and that could lead to even more situations within the family and outside of the family. What I think is the most serious cause of violence is jealousy because when another kid or person see somebody with something that they can't get or doesn't have the right amount of money that they can't afford it they become furious and they start to think what they are going to do to retrieve what they are trying to steal from another person and when that person sees that another person is trying to steal their

things that is when the violence starts and it goes on from their and starts. That is what I think is the common factor for starting violence in so many neighborhoods and we need to stop it right now before things get out of hand in our neighborhoods. There are so many causes for violence but the main one is I think being involved with drugs and gangs. The reason why I think that that is the main one is because like I said earlier in my essay sometimes a person in jail or a teen in juvie might owe another person some drugs or money and they don't give it to that other person on time that person that is waiting for the drugs they might send another person to kill that person or make sure that that person is injured for not giving him the drugs on time. This is the things that happen in jail or in juvie depending where you are and sometimes these things happen in the streets and I think we need to stop it because like I said it is getting out of hand and we need to put a stop to violence in our neighborhood's and in our streets and it's not only in Boston, MA it is happening everywhere.

I have so many plans to stop violence but here is one that I really need to share with whoever is reading this essay and it is that a guidance councilor of the school that the kid or teenager goes to can talk to him/her and try to help them and their family by giving them food to eat because sometimes some kids go to bed hungry and wake up really hungry and maybe what I think triggers the violence because sometimes they see a person who has a lot of money and they want to try to take that persons food and that my cause violence. I was thinking we can help the people that don't have enough money to eat or get food so we can help those people that are less fortunate. That is what I think we should do about violence.