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## Violence Essay.

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### How has violence affected my life?

Violence has affected my life in many ways, but the one type of violence I had to grow up with was my mother's domestic violence. Domestic violence is the worst. I hated to see my mother's husband, who is my "father" beat on my mother. I never understood it, I never understood why my mother would stay with him, after he would constantly beat on her. As in to him, how could you beat on your own wife, & sit there & watch her as she cry? I hated him. I hated when he would hit my mother & claim that he loved her. For all of those in relationships with domestic violence, how could you sit there & abuse somebody you "love". If you love somebody, you show them love with your heart. You don't show anybody love with hurting them physically. It's very weak of a man to hit a woman, then to claim he loves her. That's what you call a deadbeat, & a weak excuse of a man. When I was younger, I remember walking in on my father with his hands wrapped around her neck so hard, choking her, her eyes were popping out of her head. I was so young, I didn't know what was going on. My "father" told me go watch Dora. After that, they were back to normal, & my mother acted as if she wasn't just choked. I was always upset with my mother because she wouldn't kick him out, she said she loved him & that was her husband. I knew she was lying, she didn't love him. She was just afraid to leave, like most of the females in relationships with domestic violence, they cover up their fear with saying they love them, but I know it's not true.

### What are the causes of youth violence?

There are many causes of youth violence. I think that the main cause of youth violence is based off influence. As the generation is today, all people talk about is violence. We have the rap industry rapping about violence, which teenagers & kids listen too. They think that because people are rapping about it, it's play for them to sing or rap about it. Violence is a big thing with teenagers these days. The terms "catching a body", "savage" are taking influence on them. They're getting guns to look cool, saying all of this because they think it's okay, but it's not. Because now we have teenagers thinking it's cool to shoot & kill each other, because rap & more are influencing them. It needs to stop before all of the teenagers are brainwashed.

### What can I do about youth violence?

I think trying to persuade certain people that violence isn't okay, that we can make them stop with the violence. But I think it would take more than one person to stop youth violence. It would take adults of children who are involved in youth violence a lot, teenagers who would like to stop youth violence, & other people. It would take a lot of work, & help trying to stop youth violence, because it runs most of the youth's lives, & had most teenagers like the way they're now. If a lot of get together & speak up, maybe we can stop some of the youth violence. But, that's only if a lot of us are willing to speak up, & stop it, we can do this.

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