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Violence

To me violence means to be hurt, to be in gangs, to witness the death of a loved one. Violence is everywhere at home, in the streets, and at school. Violence has affected my life in many ways. This story is about the time I witnessed bullying in school and out of school.

When I was in sixth grade I joined the debate team. I met this boy he liked people of the same gender. When I went into the 7th grade he transferred schools because he was being judged for being himself. After he transferred schools he started thinking about suicide. He was always posting pictures on Instagram talking about how he wanted to kill himself. This has affected me because he was a really cool person and he was nice. And it hurt me to see a close friend of yours be really hurt.

Some ways to protect teens and kids from the streets and gangs is to create more programs and jobs for them so they can be better people and they can realize that there is opportunities for them to make money rather than selling drugs in the streets. That's how violence affected my life, and what we can do to change it.