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## Violence: My Opinion

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I have thought of many ways to start this but couldn't find the right words to do so, why you may ask? Well, basically, because of this harsh and serious topic. Violence.

Violence is not a common thing talked about, but it does happen often. In this particular topic, I am going to focus on bullying. I have been bullied three times in my life, but only have stood up to two of them. Trust me, it wasn't easy and it took a long time to gain the confidence to do so. It was frightening, scary, confusing, and just . . . . weird. I knew what to do, but I was too scared to get hurt, like most kids. It's weird how people can just use the most violent words or actions and not care. Not care that there is a person maybe already in pain or just a person you're putting in pain. Most of us have been there and done that. The bullying that I have experienced is not getting into fights or beat up. For me, these people have caused rumors, pushed me around, and made fun of me.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade was a big year for me. That year I found out my parents were getting divorced, had surgery, was bullied and teased, and struggled a little in school. I can't say it was easy because I'd be lying, but some things weren't all that hard. I studied hard to get my grades up, and the surgery went great. My parent's divorce was harder and the bullying wasn't any easier, but I got through it. I grew through time and realized that the things they were saying weren't true. My parent's divorced, I usually talked to my sister and we both would express ourselves. I know that not all people are this lucky to have support by their side, but you have to keep moving on.

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Though words do not hold guns or knives, they hurt more, for wounds can heal while words stay forever. I came up with this to show that words are one thing and actions are another. Both hurt, but one hurts more. In my opinion, words hurt more because they can not heal like a bruise or scar can.

For me, to avoid becoming a bully, I would consider that you learn to accept yourself and love yourself. Most people that bully don't accept themselves so they want to have power. Don't let them have that power over you.

Video games nowadays aren't helping like GTA, Halo,....etc. All these things contain killing, car chasing, and more violent things. In my opinion, people use violence to make themselves feel better, but, of course, it doesn't work. Let's work together to overcome violence but, I know that I will be the greatest thing I will overcome because we are all our own monsters in our little world.

Now, a little about me. I am a 12 year old girl in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. I have many friends and a loving family. Although I may sound fine on paper, but in person, I am shy. I don't like to start or end conversations and I don't like to be the center of attention. Sure you may not believe me, but it's true. And hopefully like everyone else, I want to stop violence because peace would be a beautiful thing.