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## Youth Violence Essay

Do you ever have on the news that someone on got shot? You think to yourself that it is terrible but thats not it the worst is when you actually know that person. I was affected by youth violence when my uncle was shot. These days violence had affected many people not only me. I believe the cause of this was gun violence, but luckily there are many solutions now these days.

Youth violence has affected me when my uncle was shot in Trinidad. He was shot by his friend when he was talking about his friend killed another guy. My uncle didn't purposely talk about what happened; he was drunk. So my uncle's friend shot him because of mistake; when people say that everyone makes mistakes it doesn't mean that you have to get kill for it. The worst part was that the guy didn't even go to jail for it or have to go to court for it. I personally didn't think that was the right way to handle this situation.

After that happened my parents didn't want me to go to Trinidad any more. Which was terrible because most of my family members like there. There is a lot of violence in Trinidad and it is very dangerous. Sometimes I get scared for my family members who live there. This police there is very good at enforce the law in the community, so a lot of murders get away without having a case or going in court.

There are better ways to handle situation like this. One way to handle these situation is by helping younger people who actually need help. The reason why people know how to do these things is because there is too much violence in movies, games and etc. We could reduce how much violence there are in movies that younger people watch everyday. I know that not most kids would like that seeing that the more violence there is the more they want to watch it. Another way we could stop youth violence is by getting people like city year to help change the way that some kids think. That means that

we should encourage them to be more positive about everything and to not be negative.

Gun violence affected me because there was no reason for my uncle to die that way. No one should have to be in that postition in which youth violence affects them. It affect s everyone no matter who they are and most people dont know that there are solutions for this. There are solutions like helping poeple in need, cutting down the violence in movies and using city year for help.