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Why turn to violence?

I am constantly thinking of youth violence.

Will I ever be part of it? Will it ever affect me personally?

Violence is not just killing,

It is any behavior intending to harm a person.

Violence is never the right thing to do.

It does not get you anywhere in life.

Most likely it will land you in a rotten cell.

I don't like to think about violence.

I just get disgusted when I think about it.

I cannot understand what makes people, especially youths to turn to violence.

Why do they turn to violence? Do they think they are making the right decisions?

Are the decisions they are making help them have a better future?

A few weeks ago I was walking with my friend to burger king.

A teenager approached us.

As he faced us, he pulled out his gun on my friend.

I was so terrified. I did not know if we were going to die.

In a flash the teenager drops the gun and starts to run away for no reason.

I pick up the gun only to find out that it was a bb gun.

I could think about this teenager being involved with gang.

Maybe he was going to try and rob us.

To stop violence people have to take the time to realize what they are doing.

If you see violence, you can stop being a bystander and try to stop it.

Violence starts from us and ends from us.

The less people who start violence, there would be less violence in the world.

Everyone has the option to help people stop violence, but many people wouldn't

want to step out of their comfort zone to help others.

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They can't speak up.
Please learn to speak up.