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Youth Violence

The act of violence is already bad in the current day, but the act of youth violence is even worse. Violence is behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something. Youth violence is the act of a kid involving physical force intended to hurt, damage or kill someone or something. Youth violence occurs in almost every place in the United States. Usually most youth violence occurs in the poorest cities. Youth violence occurs in many ways like bullying, killing, and hurtful behavior. The act of youth violence cannot be abolished but people can help to prevent it. The main cities that I think play a big role in youth violence are Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. Youth violence affects me in many ways. The youth violence in Chicago is pretty complex. People that live in the Chicago call Chicago "Chiraq" because one day, the death count in Chicago was one day high than the death count in Iraq. Chicago has plenty of gangs. The schools in Chicago are basically the streets to the kids. In the hallways, the fights between gangs are rowdy. Kids get killed in schools and outside of schools. Everyday people die in Chicago, and many do not know why. In Chicago there are many young rappers. They start at the age of 15 and the older gang members influence them. This is similar like in Boston. In Boston many people are killed but not as much as in Chicago. Homicides occur almost everyday in Chicago. The cops aren't as strict and nobody says a thing. In Philadelphia youth violence is expressed through other ways. In Philadelphia plenty of the youth ride dirt bikes. This can count as youth violence because they don't obey the law. There are also killings in Philadelphia. In Baltimore there is plenty of youth violence. Detroit is one of the poorest cities in the United States and that's a reason why youth violence occurs there. Youth violence has affected me in many ways. I used to live on a street called Seaver Street and there was this boy named Andre. Andre always used to hang out with my brother Kaelon. As the

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years passed they started to spread apart. The farther they split, they more Andre hated Kaelon. When we moved Andre threatened to kill my brother but he did not succeed. My brother wasn't scared but I was scared. As the years passed I reached 6th grade. Andre then had a strong connection with gangs and one day when he was walking home he was shot in his head. They put him on life support, but he didn't survive. This affected me because this inspired me to not trust your first. As I stated earlier, youth violence cannot be abolished, but it can be prevented. Putting your hand out can prevent it. By this I mean, stepping up and being the bigger man. One-day youth violence will stop in the United States.