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Youth Violence Essay

Have you ever seen gangs walking around? Have you ever been between a shooting? Well if not, then you're lucky. I experienced youth violence when there was a shooting in front of my house while I was playing outside. I believe the cause of this violence was gang violence, but luckily there are solutions.

It was a nice, summer day. The temperature was around seventy five to eighty degrees fahrenheit. I was playing outside, then I saw a gang walking around. I didn't think anything would happen when I heard a gun shoot. I didn't know what to do at that exact moment but then I remembered what my mother told me, when I hear a gun shoot, run for my safety. And that's what I did. I ran inside and my parents asked me what happened and I told them that there is a shooting happening outside.

I think the cause of this violence is gang violence. I think gangs exist because of games and movies. People should really, stop making movies, and games that includes guns and stuff like that. So its gang violence. I feel that gangs shouldn't be shooting. I could of got shoot if I didn't run. Gang violence is serious. Someone could've got shoot and that person could've been me.

When the next day came, my parents said that we had to move. I agreed with that but then I wondered where we would move. They said its not far but its far from the shooting. I was happy to be safe but then I thought about the other people who would have to deal with gang violence. I felt bad for everyone but luckily my family was able to move but not everyone is that fortunate.

I have seen gangs walking around, remember, be safe. You'll never know what will happen. The whole community should stay indoors and be smart about their decisions. I have experienced youth violence and I wouldn't want to experience it again. I bet you won't either.