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"Do The Write Thing Essay"

When I think of violence i can't really think of anything good, anything positive in some way, I'm guessing that's because violence is everywhere, hurting everyone. Violence can be stopped, it's just that not too many people seek to change the way that things are. But, if you leave it up to the next generation, we'll take it to heart. People think that kids can't make a difference, but they can. Kids see violence just as much as adults do, if not, then more. Whether it's at school or outside of school, kids can see violence.

Violence is like a virus, it spreads everywhere, to the point where kids, teens, or adults are scared to go to certain places. And these certain places are people's favorite places to go, playground/park, family member's house, or even a store. It's just not fair. Kids and sometimes even adults are afraid to do things, normal things like going to the park or even walk outside. Sometimes I think twice before going to certain people's house.

Violence is dumb but people insist on doing so. For males 10 to 24 years old, violent crime arrest rates declined from 850.8 arrests per 100,000 population in 1995 to 423.1 arrests per 100,000 in 2011. Many reasons for this violence are parents lack of guidance or supervision. Also kids could be poor, or jealous of others, thus making them kill or hurt others for their things. After 2008, the arrest rates fell sharply.

Everybody wants to fit in so they join their friends and do all this dumb stuff, like having drugs or even smoking. They try to act tough and hurt or even bully others. Some people just try and prove something so they hurt or kill someone. Others, are just mad in general so they take it out on others by starting fights or messing with someone. A lot of youth violence happens from kids who are a victims of bullying or are the predators. Here is and insident of that sort of violence happenning.

"Hey back off!" Joey screamed. The predator circled his prey, breathing heavily as he thought of what he was going to do to him.

"Hey, i said back the heck off!" this time Joey jumped at the bully, knocking him down in front of his friends. His friends stared, looking head on. This time the bully got up with a look of blood in his eyes. He smirked as his friends yelled "fight" encouraging him.

"I'm gonna hurt you so bad!" the bully grabbed Joey by his neck and beat him. Making sure he put effort into each punch. Then the deed was done, and the predator walked away with his friends, with a feeling of pride.

**APPENDIX**

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That was an incident when the bully was encouraged and took his challenger on, killing him for standing up for his friend, or even someone random, this is what violence is. Nowadays people hurt others for fun, they are even sometimes cheered on. violence is a hard thing to master or control, but it is an even harder thing to stop. So lets start here and shape a path for our next generation of children.