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### Do The Right Thing Essay

Growing up in a dangerous environment is pretty much a place people don't recommend to live peacefully in. I was on my bed, staring at a picture of my mother. And I kept telling myself that everything was going to be okay when i heard police officers downstairs. At that time, we lived in an apartment with four floors. You could hear anything that My family was sleeping and trying to ignore the dreadful noises that were coming from downstairs. Since i was just a kid, i didn't understand anything.

Every time that night fell, I heard police sirens going off every night. My mother used to go in my room and wake me up when something really bad was going on. She always told me to stay away from the windows. There was more than one window so I had to be very careful. You never know if a bullet might come through one of them. Apparently, a bullet did come through one of the windows. Then another one came through the bathroom window. And the last one ended up in the kitchen. No one got hurt, and we no longer live in that neighborhood.

Violence had affected my life because if there wasn't violence, i wouldn't know how to protect myself. I learned how to handle situations that involves it. There are three different types of violence that I know of. There is the physical the one that has cause and effect, and the mental one. I lived in the physical type so it kind of made me more stubborn than i was at least seven years ago. There were many fights, dopers, and people that belonged in prison. Lots of police cars were parked on the street, waiting for something to happen.

The causes of youth violence are video games and the environment that kids live in. Also bad influences, and movies can cause youth violence. Video games can make kids to do violence because, it depends on how the kids feel about it. The environment that they live in can cause them to do violence too. If they see a weapon: like a gun on the street, they might pick it up and see its as a toy and adjust it the wrong way. It's everything that's around you that can make you have the wrong idea.

Youth violence is like a public health problem. To me, bullying is the number one out of all of them. Cyber bullying can make kids depressed and not want to live on with their life. Some kids feel so offended by it, they create suicide. That's mental violence that needs to be stopped. I don't think I can do much about this situation. All I can do to prevent violence is to protest with my friends outside. We could persuade other people to join us. We would protest outside and talk about how violence is wrong. But there are lots of things I can do in the future. I can start a new campaign or a club and make people join my group. Together, we can make a difference.

In conclusion, violence had affected my life. If I never dodged that bullet, I would've been killed. The causes of youth violence are basically all around the world. Electronics that aren't appropriate for kids are one out of several causes. They make kids get wrong ideas and some of these kids grow up doing the wrong things. Especially living with bad parents. Students like me can help and talk about



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how violence can be stopped. We can talk to a victim and share some ideas. If we have an amazing idea, then we can share it with the world.

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