Do the Write Thing Essay

Violence is a disease that harms a lot of properties and changes people’s life. Almost all my life has been about violence. I remember when I was in Haiti; my mom got kidnapped and was lucky enough to get out of it. I also remember my dad got attacked, after he went to take money from the bank. The kidnappers stole everything he had, his money, wallet, phone... All those things made me scared, but at the same time I felt anger inside of me. It was then that I realized how destructive and scary violence can be.

I have been affected by violence since I was a little boy. In the past in Haiti, there used to be a lot of violence. Almost every day you would here in the media someone got kidnapped, and most of the time the person kidnapped ends up getting killed. Now the violence isn’t as tragic as it used to be, but there is still violence. I remember in 2004, when President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was leaving the country to go to exile, a lot of people in the country were furious by the fact that he had to live and were protesting. The night when he was leaving, I couldn’t sleep because there was a lot of cartridge. People use to manifest a lot. They even burned cars and wheels on the road. Sometimes police had to throw gas at them so they could stop, which sometimes got into schools that are in the central of the city like my school was. At my school, the teachers use to make the students get down under the benches until the cartridges were over and when recess time had come we had to stay in our classes for our safety. All those examples are how violence affected not only my life, but also other people’s life.

In Haiti there’s a lot of jealousy and hatred. Most of the time people get jealous because of ambitions of what others have and they don’t have. Sometimes, even your own blood and
people you really trust can be jealous of you. I remember reading a newspaper in Haiti that was
talking about how a teenage girl who was intelligent had won a prize in a contest, and had a
chance to go on a trip in Trinidad Tobago. The girl’s best friend got jealous, and made a plan
with a group of guy to kidnap her. It actually happened to her before the day of her trip to
Trinidad Tobago and was found dead, cut into pieces two weeks after. Jealousy causes people
to do anything without the person thinking about what they are doing, especially your best
friends. Sometimes, some people who have problems in their life, get so emotional that they
even cause violence to their surroundings. In some schools in Haiti, the students come to school
with guns and when they get into fights, they hurt each other so bad, that sometimes one of
them ends up dead. Those are the causes of youth violence and how even people you are really
close to can get jealous of you, and cause harm to you and your family.

When I am at home thinking, I always ask myself why violence exists, why jealousy cause
people to kill others and how people feel when they cause harm to someone’s life. The more I
think about it, the more frustrated I get because it doesn’t make sense for people to be going
around, and kill each other like people do. I even wonder if the people who cause violence to
others have a heart. That is why I think violence needs to be stopped, and for that I think every
community should have a leader and community center to get people’s mind out of those
thinking that allow them to cause harms in others life’s. Also in school, there should also be a
leader that is telling the students to do the right thing, motivate them and encourage them
with their problems because some students cannot take stress, and when they do, it affects
their performance academically. People also need to be their mentor instead of pushing them
around; because that’s often the reason why they act the way they act sometimes. In other to
do that, everyone should show corporation in the idea of doing this so they could help adults
and teenagers have a better life. If every community and school follows this path, we will
always have a good and easy life and we won’t have to worry about violence every day.

In conclusion, violence can impact people’s life in a lot of ways. It is a common thing that
people literally hear about every day. Some people never really lived violence in their life, but
some people have lived violence in their lives, like me. Violence can be cause by everything,
from jealousy, emotions, and problems in your life. Violence also cause a lot of stress especially
when you walking in the streets fearful of your own safety. Everywhere you go you find
violence, but not the same way. If I could do something to stop it I would, but the problem is
how it can be stopped.