Violence has affected my life in many ways. One way violence has affected my life is there is a lot of people on t.v. involved in violence. When we watch t.v. and those violence shows it make you say do I want to be like them or be someone different. That made me change. Another way violence has affected my life is friendship. A lot of my friends went to be thugs or try to be, but you don’t know if you want to be with them. It affected my friendship with them and I had to make new friends. These are the ways violence has affected my life.

The causes of youth violence can happen anywhere. One cause of youth violence is what happens at home. Something can be going on with the parents and the kids are
mad about it, so they take it out on violence. That's why you see a lot of kids involved in gangs because of what happens at home. Another cause of youth violence is the community they live in. It could be a community like Dorchester or Roxbury and it could change your life. There's a lot shooting and killing in those communities. It can make you do these kinds of things. You hear a lot of the shooting, then it gets into your head. Then you are going to want to do it. This is another cause for youth violence. Another cause for youth violence is school. Their school grades and the school teacher can make them turn bad. If you don't do well in school and get kicked back, you probably will drop out and do some violence things. Also if you are scared from something you will come to school doing some
bad things. These are some causes of youth violence.

I can do a lot of things about youth violence no matter if you are young or if you are an adult. One solution I can do about youth violence is tell the mayor not to put the kids in jail, but to put in a room to help them. Their only killing people because they have a problem. Another solution I can do is to look on the news and list the kids that are doing violence and if I see that person I can call the cops, so they can take them and help them. That’s not a lot I can do because I don’t have a lot of ideas like adults do. People under 18 years old should not be involved in youth violence. Some are and some not. These are the solutions about youth violence.