Youth violence is a growing and serious problem everywhere. Youth violence is kid on kid or teen on teen violence. A time that violence had affected me was when I was about 6 years old. My dad and I were in our yard cleaning up all of the leaves. A group of kids were sitting on the stairs of the house across the street from us. It was a nice and quiet day. Until all of a sudden we heard a car's tires screeching. A man just jumped out of the car and started shooting. I stood there not knowing what to do or where to run. My dad came running from behind and picked me up and brought us into the house. We locked the doors and hurried upstairs. Luckily, nobody had gotten hurt. I was upstairs sitting next to my mom. I was so scared and in shock. It took me a minute to process in my mind what had happened. I didn’t understand why somebody would just pull up and start shooting at innocent people. I was so scared, I didn’t want to go outside for weeks. I kept thinking to myself “What if he decides to come back?” About 2 months went by and I finally got over it. I was able to go outside and enjoy myself without being scared.
Youth violence is a big problem. In my opinion, youth violence is mainly caused by kids who want to be accepted by the wrong crowd. They might hang out with the wrong crowd or might want to be in a gang of some sort. To be accepted by them, a kid might have to hurt or kill another kid. It doesn't mean that it's okay; it's just that this is an often cause. Also, it could be that a child is raised in the type of environment that promotes violence. Being brought up this way, a teen might run around causing trouble thinking that it's okay. We could stop youth violence if we all came together. What I could do to stop teen violence, I could start a program promoting safe environments. Giving kids a safe place to go hang out after school. Also, I could be a role model and set an example for younger kids showing them what to do and what not to do. All of these are things that both me and you could do to try and stop teen violence. Youth violence is bad and it's killing young kids everyday. You and I could be the ones to stop it and end teen violence.