Violence is a serious problem in our society. Violence causes headache for law enforcement and costs our society a lot of money and human lives. Violence can happen both in young and old people. In the following essay we especially study about the causes of youth violence, how it effect my life as well as the lives of others, and what can we do to prevent it.

There are a lot of things that cause violence in the young people. First is the influence of family. If a child witnesses his parent swearing, fighting, or hitting each other he or she will be scared and become timid or he or she will get used to it and become wicked. He or she easily get into a fight with the neighbor kids or friends at school. He or she learns these bad behaviors from his or her parent. Second is the effect of violent movies and video games. Today young people spend a lot of time in front of the screen or playing video games. The bloody and violent scenes of these movies or video games had a bad influence on young people. They want to practice those violent acts, want to become a cool person like the main character and if the gun is available, they can go out to kill people for just a small reason. They can even kill their own parent to get money. Another thing that has effect on youth violence is the influence of gangs. Young people is attracted and tempted by those gang members or their activities partly because of peer pressure, and partly because they don’t have a job or don’t do good in school. These young people don’t want to study or work hard. They want an easy life so they drop out of school and hang around on the street selling drugs and using violence to suppress or take advance of others.

The above show us the causes of youth violence. Now let talk about how it effect my life and the lives of others. As I already mentioned at the beginning of the essay, violence costs our society a lot of money and human lives. I am only an eight grade student, violence has a little effect on me. Violence limit my freedom. I am not allowed to go out with my friends in the evening, not allowed to play in the park without supervision. I also feel anxious when I have to walk in an unfamiliar area. Another limit is that I am not allowed to bring my backpack and my coat into class because school officials want to prevent students from bringing weapon into class.
Kids should not have to feel that way and kids should feel free to play in their neighborhood. So what can we do to prevent youth violence. First, parents should be role models. No bad languages or bad behaviors in front of kids. Parents also should not have guns in the house and should pay more attention about what movies or what games their kids can watch or play. As a student I should study hard and helping others do good in school, join and encourage others to engage in healthy activities like sports and community projects to keep ourself busy, I also watch movies and play video games that are appropriate for my age to avoid the bad influence.

In conclusion, violence is a serious problem of our society so everybody—students, parents, families, and schools—have to work together in our own ability to reduce youth violence in our community.