How violence affected my life violence? Violence affects my life because my mom won’t allow me go to some places like the park by myself. Last year we were walking to the store and someone got shot at the park and we saw the man running. The police jumped out of the car and ran after him. Another example was when I was at the park and some teens were drinking. Other teens came by and they started fighting and throwing bottles at each other. Blood started going everywhere and the police came and had to break it up. This type of violence really affected my life because I just stay inside and play video games all day to distract myself. Violence also affects my life because I am always hearing the sounds of police sirens knowing they are on their way to arrest someone.

What are the causes of youth violence? I think one of the main causes of youth violence rivalries between gangs. Gangs will always be around, and they always recruit young people to join them. Gangs mostly consist of teens or young adults. Gangs want to kill their enemies. Teens always what to win at against their rivals and when they lose they want to fight the person they lost against to prove they are better.

I also think that bullying causes youth violence because when a teen get bullied they can get mad and sometimes this leads to them becoming violent towards the person who bullied them. Talking trash or making fun of someone is not a good thing because some people have a short temper and they can get mad easily. When you talk trash or make fun of a person sometimes they get mad and start fighting.

What can I do about youth violence? I can try to help teens come off the streets and help them pursue their dreams. I can encourage them to participate in programs
where they can make do something productive with their time. I can help them in school so they won’t drop out. I can help them find a summer job that pays them, so they won’t have to get caught up in negative things. We all can help youths come out of gangs and other things that lead them to be violent by showing them there is better way of life.