Hello my name is MBA'm 11 years old and I live in Dorchester. I am doing a poem on Do the Write Thing contest for all four questions about violence.

♦ How does violence affect our daily lives?
♦ Where are you confronted by violence? Your home? Your school? Your neighborhood?
♦ What are some of the causes of youth violence in your community?
♦ What can you do as an individual to reduce youth violence in your community?

1) The way that violence affect my daily life is by trying to keep me and my family safe. It's hard when you live in a bad area with a lot of shooting, robbing, accidents, and etc. I think that violence is really something to get your revenge from what happens to you or another person that's your family or the person you love very much and you won't let go of what happened to you or another person that's your family or the person you love very much and you won't let go of what happened to you or another person that's your family or the person you love very much and you won't let go of what happened to them or you so you hurt people until you are satisfied but you don't know that you are not doing anything but making it worse. Sometimes people hurt others because they are lonely no matter if they eat and eat they still feel lonely inside so sometimes they think violence is the key. That's one way that violence affects my life and another way is when young people are influenced to do bad things such as shooting, robbing, home invasions, etc. They keep this in their minds which keeps humans and animals in danger like if someone tried to burn down a house it would be dangerous with houses near by with pets or there can be a house near the woods the fire can travel to the woods and burn it down and spread and animals habitats can be burned down too especially if the firefighters are late to come to take out the fire it would spread really fast. That's my answer to question 1.

2) To be honest, I've never been confronted before but I have people get confronted mostly at school like my friend confronted a girl for talking about her at school and my friend also got confronted by the side of her house. I really think people are mostly confronted everywhere it could be at your home, your school, your neighborhood. I also think that's how violence starts sometimes it tears us apart. We should just respect each other and it's really not that hard just be yourself and be happy and also stay in school. I believe some teachers can show you to be patient and wait until it's your turn to speak and can also teach you at the same time like my favorite teacher Ms. Majors. That is my answer to question number 2.

3) Some of the causes youth violence in my community is some young kids that are taking their parents medications such as someone has glaucoma their parents will use drugs to cure it and their children will sell the medication and that can make their parents worse because they haven't had the medication or there parents or family members have to use cocaine to help them and the child sells the parents medication and they can mess up the family members inside. Other causes of youth in my community is when kids watch other people selling bad things and trying to buy guns just to get someone they don't like or they just think it's fun. That is some of the youth causes in my neighborhood.

4) One way that I can help reduce violence as an individual is by not making friends with bad kids that do bad things and make meetings with people called S.T.V. Which means Stop The Violence. The meeting will be Monday to Wednesday and the meeting will talk about what you have seen that day that looked violent or sounded violent or if you seen someone get bully today and you stick up for the person or not and explain why you did or didn't help that person. Also I will talk about how we can help our world reduce violence and show explains of what can happen and go to other schools on every Saturday and show what we think about violence and what can happen to our world and us if we do not reduce violence and we will take a test about what we learned about the act that we did and how it helps reduce violence in our community and then after those two weeks we will make a new act and go to new schools and play games based on violence and every Wednesday we will bring in a few paragraphs about kinds of violence you've seen and share our work. That is what I would do to reduce violence in my community.

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