**Stop The Violence!**

Violence comes in many different shapes and forms. Violence can happen anywhere and can affect anyone. Violence to me is an action that hurts someone else; this can affect the person in many ways. Violence can come physically, mentally, and are abusive activities. Violence can be from one person to another or self-inflicted. Violence can come in different shapes such as where it happens, like warm inner city with gangs, on the internet, at home, and at schools as we saw at Newtown. Violence happens every day, usually at night time, and mostly during the summer but it happens anytime. Violence can really affect anyone that it happens to and it takes a long period of time to get over.

My neighborhood is filled with many different things. Let us start from the beginning of Glenway that intersects between Old Road and it is off Blue Hill Ave. The beginning of the street on your right you see Middle School Academy which has been closed more than three times but is now open again. On your left you see the corner store which is the most relaxed place in the neighborhood. This is where you see most of the people. As you keep going down the street it is mostly houses the houses are nicely built and none of the houses are really old.

As you continue to go down you reach the worst houses the older houses and where most of the crimes go down. The houses are usually a dark brown or a very dark blue. As you go down on your left you see a Laundromat and another corner store. Then you see another school all the way down although this school is on Harvard Street. Even though my neighborhood is great and it has been pretty excellent towards me, I want to get out and change my family’s life. I want better for my sister and for my mom. They need better than what they are seeing out the window every day. I feel if I stay any longer something bad will happen to my family or me. Either my neighborhood makes a change or I make a change on where I live. Leaving as soon as possible is imminent because you never know when something will blow up and be in the wrong place at the wrong time. I also feel if I stay I will grow up to do what they do and that is what I do not want. I want to be someone one that came out of a neighborhood and made a change I want to be an impact but I cannot change anything that does not
want to be changed. There was a specific situation that affected me the most.

At about 6:00 pm Monday evening I looked out the window because I heard some noise. Everyone's lights were out because of the hurricane and then this man was yelling at another man because he got his lights hacked into. The man and his brother - the one he was yelling at - walked outside to the white man's door. He was the only white man in the neighborhood and now we have no white men in the neighborhood. The brother told his brother that he was cold and went to get his coat. Everyone in the neighborhood was looking outside to see what was going to go down. My neighborhood is very noisy when something is going down everyone has to know what is going on. The brother put something in his coat as much as I could see but I did not know what it was. When the brother rang the bell and the man opened the door to ask what was up. The guy with no coat was cussing out the white man and the white man pushed him and said he got a little something. The white man came back with this red shiny handle with a silver looking blade and slashed it right at the brother with no coat. The brother with a coat quickly shot twice at the white man because the object in his coat pocket was a gun. By this time you could already hear the cops on their way. The most beautiful thing about this was the man stabbed and the man shot held hands waiting for the end. The brother with the coat ran inside and I could not look anymore. Five minutes later I heard two quick gunshots and a loud scream and the police came around to each house making sure everyone stayed inside because of Sandy. Sandy was a hurricane in Boston happening thought this whole affair. Later that day all three men were pronounced dead. Fighting over who hacked into whose lights. Sandy was dangerous but nothing is more dangerous than human nature.

Violence is something that will affect people in their head mentally. Violence makes me want to do better for the community. Violence just makes me want to work harder because someone needs to stop it or help it decrease. We can have get gun control laws to stop people from getting the guns. Also, if we make sure we have more cops on the streets. If we can provide for people and gangs to stay off the streets then they will not be on the streets. If we have a way for them to get even a small education or a better way to help them get jobs. Then more people will find a better way to live their lives. If people have the open opportunity to affect someone it is not going to help the situations. It is not smart to have guns to be able to purchase it is an open opportunity. This is why violence in the
country needs to be stopped because it is affecting a lot of people and this is unfair to those people.