Young Violence

Violence is the expression of physical or verbal force against self or other, compelling action against one's will on pain of being hurt. Everyone and anyone can have violence in them; no matter what age, gender, or race. I believe violence is triggered by anger and stupidity, because when people create violence they are not thinking about the consequences they may come to face because of their actions (which in my world is stupidity).

I've never been one to create violence but I've seen a lot of it during my life, to many to write about actually, but one time in particular has always stuck out in my mind. A couple of summers ago while I was staying at my grandmother's house my cousin had gotten evicted from his apartment and was staying with her for a while. While he was there he had been selling stuff that if found could get my grandmother kicked out of her house. One day, my grandmother found some of said stuff in one of his socks while doing his laundry. As anyone would she confronted him and he changed the subject to speaking about why she was in his stuff in the first place. Late, while the fighting was still going on and she had told him to leave he said "Auntie If any of my stuff is missing you'll be sorry". I Had never heard anyone speak to my grandmother like this before and I started to think about the stuff he could be capable of. Though after that he never got close enough to even speak to her (Other than his father she has 8 brothers) it was scary for me to
witness that and think of what he would do to her if her brothers hadn’t guarded her like a hawk.

While my cousins consequences were just to never be near my grandmother again, his consequences could have been greater like jail time for possession of an illegal substance, other peoples consequences could be greater like my their life, family, jobs, or education. That’s why when my friends try to resort to violence I try to calm them down or I just stay out of it. I’m not the type of person to instigate someone or to try to intimidate them sometimes I joke around and say stupid things but that is what kids do, stupid things, and when we grow up we regret them. Due to some peoples violent ways some kids might not be able to grow up and learn from their mistakes that they made in the past.

To reduce violence suspecting parents should talk to their kids about ways to calm themselves down when they are in a certain scenario, Like counting from 1-10 while letting out deep breaths this tip certainly helps me out alot when I’m angry at someone. We could Also reduce violence by keeping teens of the streets by enrolling them in after school activities and/or sports. Violence will never go away but we can always reduce it