Do The Write Thing

How has violence affected your life?

I have been around violence my whole life and I can honestly say it has affected me in many ways, all of them bad and all of them came with consequences. Violence caused me to get in trouble in school, at home, and in public. When I became older, I learned how violence can destroy even the most brightest person's future. After that, I focused on my school work and worked on making myself a better person. I was determined to change my violent ways, while others were not.

What are some of the causes of youth violence?

There are many causes of youth violence. One cause of youth violence is bullying. Bullying can hurt both the bully and the victim. The bully could take it as far as killing the victim or injuring them severely. The victim of bullying could also hurt the bully too as revenge or payback. Either way, both them get hurt. There are many cases where there are bystanders who see the bullying happen but refuse to help or get help. They don't understand that by telling someone, they could prevent violence and even save someone's life. Another cause of youth violence is acceptance. Kids and teens who will do anything to be accepted do things like joining gangs, smoking, and even selling drugs. Some even hurt other people to be cool. They are blinded by the need to be accepted that they don't realize what they are doing is wrong. Stealing and damaging other people's property can cause youth violence too. Racism can cause youth violence as well. I mean, look at all the chaos it created before people like Martin Luther King Jr. came along. Gossip also cause youth violence. People can get hurt physically and emotionally when rumors and lies spread around. That are the causes of youth violence.

What are some ways to prevent youth violence?
I believe to prevent future violence, you could talk to an adult or teacher at your school or at home. You could talk out your problems and look and approach violence differently. You could talk it out with the person you have problems with then you could solve it together. Talking about your problems can not hurt you and it makes you a better person. So, which path do you want to go down? Violence will only lead to more violence.