**Do the Right Thing**

**Fiction**

There was once a little scrawny boy named John. He was always picked on because he didn’t know how to defend himself. So one day a rumor was going around that he was talking bad about a jock named Pancho. Pancho was tired of hearing all the rumors. So one day Pancho decided it was enough. He waited until the end of the day to confront John. Pancho found John outside and pushed him down onto the floor and started punching him. John had a few good friends standing around that heard his desperate cries for help. One of them jumped in to take Pancho off. Another friend off John took him to the principal’s office. John then finds out that Pancho’s attack was just to show off how strong he was. The principal told Pancho that he was just another coward that lived on proving how strong he was. A few weeks later Pancho apologized for his attack on John. He and John later became good friend. More people made sure that the weak kids weren’t the targets for the people who wanted to prove how strong they were.

John always lived with fear of Pancho because he was afraid it could happen to him again. But he isn’t the only one in the world who is affected by violence. Panchos actions are an example of youth violence. Pancho heard a fake rumor, believed it and attacked because he just followed what his actions told him to do. This caused John to be horrified of Pancho and was scared that Pancho would attack him again which kept John in a long stage of fright. Every day someone is bullied in the world and every day someone is being beat up. In my opinion if Pancho was in John’s place and John was in Poncho’s, I doubt that that
he would like to get beat up. So when ever youth violence happens the bully should think about how the victim is going to feel.

John was confronted by violence in his school were the kids are supposed to be safe and out of harm. One way that youth violence can be lowered is by talking with the attacker telling them that it isn’t nice to harm other people and leaving a harsh memory that will haunt them forever. Also that if he was the one that was going to be attacked how he would feel and how he would react to the violence. Also what would go through his mind every day that he is remembered of the tragedy? There should be a voice, the loudest voice ever, that yells at the top of their lungs saying, “Violence is just another way to show how truly weak someone is in the inside even though they look tough in the outside. So why bother bullying someone just to scar them, just to hurt them and their lives? Why?”

So when someone gets the thought of bullying somebody they should think about how the person would feel and what they would remember.