Violence has not directly affected my life, but I do understand it affects many people young or old. I have come up with a fiction example of how violence can affect someone’s life that could be a reality for some people. Youth violence is the physical or verbal exertion of a person ages ten to eighteen in a harsh or malicious way. This story is partially true, for my brother was harmed by kids involved in youth violence, so I based it on them with some fictional details to help explain.

Violence affects many people’s lives, so here is an example of how. Imagine three teenagers, all friends around fifteen years old. Their parents didn’t raise any of them well; they were ignored and could do anything they wanted. All of their fathers were in a gang together and smoked. Each boy knew each other since kindergarten and they always stuck up for each other, but in a vicious way. They were kicked out of high school for bullying and bringing in real guns. They roamed the streets by night and joked around all day by getting into trouble. Their lives were boring and they wanted to change that, so they got entertainment by hurting others, especially weak targets who were alone. Whenever they had the chance, they’d corner someone, beat them up, then run away laughing. They did this every day and got great joy from it. No one usually found out who did it, or the police let it slide. Yet one night, they went too far at a train station and were sent to court.

The station was packed as the three boys walked among the crowd tripping people and making others feel uncomfortable by snickering behind their backs. One confused looking 24 year old mistakenly stepped on one of the boy’s feet. He said excuse me, totally unprepared for what was about to happen next. Spotting their victim, the two boys pinned him to the wall while the other started to punch the man harder than he ever had before. It felt good to be hurting someone
again, he thought as he punched the man’s face, stomach, arms, and legs. Once the man was unconscious, the three boys dragged his limp body to the stairs where they pushed him down. The almost dead man tumbled down the stairs and came to rest at the foot of the staircase. The three boys, as always, ran away laughing at their success. Luckily, a witness was there who called the police and the man was rushed to the hospital. The police tracked down the three boys and found their records to be the opposite of “shiny and perfect” (horrible). They went to court, but continuously asked for more time leaving their cases to still be unfinished.

These three boys participated to youth violence in many ways. They bullied and hurt other people. They had access to guns and drugs and knew how to use them. They were in their own gang and had bad childhoods. Their fathers and mothers smoked around them, showing them that it was all right to do this. This made each boy feel and think that violence is the key to a good life, but it’s the key to a dreadful life.

This violence affects my life because my brother was that man at the train station and that introduced me to the real meaning of youth violence. To make it even worse, those three boys attended my other brother’s high school so my family and I have had to worry about him, too. Since that point, my life has changed. I know that kids can become violent and that’s not a good thing to be at all. I can do something about youth violence, though. I can learn about it and never contribute to it myself. I can help any of my friends or family by explaining to them the consequences and getting them to understand why it’s bad. I’ll never exert my feelings through violence, but calmly solve my problems. Following all of this will help me and people I know to never be violent, especially a younger person.

There are many causes of youth violence. Among them are rivalries, addictions, family problems, peer pressure, guilt, envy, and disorders. A rivalry might cause a young person to give off their feelings physically or verbally to the other person, they might continue to do this harmfully. Addictions may hurt the brain and mind and cause a young person to fight for what they’re addicted to or just hurt others
and themselves for no reason. Family problems might cause a young person to feel neglected or upset and they may show this violently. Peer pressure may cause a young person to feel forced to be violent or be violent to who is pressuring them. Guilt may cause a young person to go mad and be violent to ease their guilt. Envy may cause a young person to act violently to the person they’re jealous of or to anyone. Disorders may cause a young person to act violently because they really don’t know what they’re doing or if it is bad, they can’t help it.

As you can see, violence affects many youth lives because of different reasons. Everyone can help to do something to stop it somehow. Violence does affect many lives in some way or another and this is the reason why some people turn to it, they think it’s the easiest way, but it’s not.

Some of this story was fiction such as the background of those three boys’ families but I based the story on those kids who are real.