The “Do the Write Thing Challenge” is relatable to many students. I can relate it to myself, by asking myself questions like how has violence affected my life? What are the causes of youth violence?, and what can I do for youth violence? I think that all kinds of violence are a horrible thing and students can help to control all of it. Youth violence happens a lot when you are a kid, it could be a fight, peer pressure and gangs I think are the most impactful in all the youth violence that there is. In my old school there were fights at least 2 times a week, and it was mostly because of talking behind someone’s back, Peer pressure is a big one also because it might change the way a person looks at things. Peer pressure is when a person is introduced into something bad, things like drugs or alcohol which you might not have want to do but was able to have it and now you like it. In my old school there were gangs also, I always saw in front of the school or down the street. So it was a big danger to some of the little kids in my old school. Some of the gangs were called the crips or the bloods and I started to see some ms 13 guys on the public bus that I used to ride to get home. I even saw some of my really good friends hang out with some of the crips, this really worries me I hope now that I’m-gone he’s not actually in a gang. Those are some of the things that contribute to youth violence.

There are many types of violence. There’s shootings, gangs, robberies, domestic violence, fights, and it keeps on going and a lot of people are getting hurt. All of them affect many people because many people can be relatives to the people that have gotten shot, robbed, beat up, abused, and worse killed, because of senseless violence.

Many things cause youth violence. Shootings, fights, and even death might have happened because maybe you just don’t like someone. I think some of the biggest causes of youth violence are because the kids don’t come from a loving home, so there looking for acceptance elsewhere like gangs. The person acts like a different person so that they can fit in, and a lot of times have to do something bad where they might hurt someone in order to be part of the gang. Maybe there isn’t a good support system at home that they can fall back on, now they feel that they can do anything he/she wants to do.

There are a couple of things that kids can do to stop all of it. It’s pretty easy and all we have to do is ignore all of the bad stuff, as bad stuff I mean drugs skipping school alcohol and gangs, just to name a couple. Maybe you can join a youth program or a sports team, or after school program, so you cannot be part of any of the bad stuff. I think that youth like myself could be a support system to other kids that don’t have something to back up on.

That was my essay answering these questions like how has violence affected my life?, what are the causes of youth violence?, and what can I do for youth violence? So I hope you enjoy.