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DO THE WRITE THING CHALLENGE

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Have you ever witnessed violence in your community? Has someone you know gone through tough times because of violence? Violence is destroying society. Violence is making the world an unsafe place because of people bullying, trying to get revenge, and getting into stupid fights. People have gone to jail because of careless actions regarding violence.

Violence has affected my life in a strong way. Violence to me is like the Devil's best friend. One of my close family friends was part of youth violence in a rough neighbor hood. He wanted to be part of a family. To feel like he belongs. Since his father was not visible in the family anymore he needed to have someone he could look up to. His "friend" influenced him into joining a gang. Day by day his family was noticing that he was changing. He started skipping school, stealing, smoking, and doing drugs. All of a sudden his life feel apart when he was sentenced 2 months in jail for his first crime. When he got out of jail he tried to change his life around but it was just not working. This made everyone in his family have a grief sorrow for him. I prayed for him wishing everything would go well. It really made me feel pain because he was not that same kid I remembered.

"FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!!!!!!" the crowds of eagered teens were chanting. They were all crowed around two boys that were violently beating the living day lights out of one another. You could notice that each boy was becoming weaker and weaker by the second, but neither one was willing to but their "crown" down and surrender. Both boys had blood gushing down there face and were breathing so hard you would think they ran out of oxygen. Their knuckles were severely bruised from all the punching they were doing. I wonder when they will finally stop. Will anyone from the crowd of teens stop getting pleasure out of their pain? Will ANYONE PUT A STOP TO THIS FIGHT?!?! This is all called peer pressure. I bet you one of those boys would have stopped fighting if it weren't for all those teens. There are two main causes of youth violence. The first

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cause of youth violence is peer pressure. Peer pressure is all over society, and it can force you to act like someone your not. When teens are forced into peer pressure it makes them do things they will regret in the long run. Another cause of youth violence is when teens want to fit it. Teens usually want to be "popular" and will stop at nothing until they fulfill there dream of being part of the "cool crowd". For example if someone moved to a new school they might want to fit in so they would starting acting up in class and pretending to be tough. They would follow what the "popular" kids do.

To prevent youth violence from occurring as much in my community I can create a "Be Yourself!" committee against youth violence. I would first get a few trusted adults to help me with this committee. They would be in charge of getting the word out to the state house and asking them if they could fund us. Then I would gather up some friends and any other teens that are interested in being a part of the "Be Yourself!" committee. We would all fight for what we believe in which is, NO MORE YOUTH VIOLENCE. This committee would let teens know that they don't have to fit in the wrongs ways by smoking, doing drugs, and stealing. The committee would always be reminding teens to stay true to themselves. The "Be Yourself!" would get inspirational speakers to come and talk to the teens. They would share with them their own personal life experience about being peer pressured and how they overcame it and became the successful people they are today. This will hopefully inspire the teens to be there self and not to let anyone control the free will the Lord has given to them. If this still does not work I will keep on fighting to prevent youth violence in Georgetowne Homes!

In conclusion youth violence is definitely having a powerful impact on our generation in a negative way. Youth violence is becoming way out of hand. Teens are starting to think that violence is the correct way to solve problems and that is such false information. Instead of seating there and watching youth violence occur right in front of your eyes why don't you try to make a difference, and stand up for what you know is right. Youth violence has to come to a stop!