Last year in 5th grade I got in a fight with this girl named Pastel. This happened at recusses in the field when I was hanging out with my friends Ilyanna Sinai and some other girls. We were just talking about things in life when Pastel comes out of nowhere and gave me a shove. So I got mad and I was like "Don't touch me little girl." Then I went on with my friends and walk somewhere else so I wouldn't be bothered with her. So after that she comes over and does again. I was like "Don't touch me. I'm not the person you should want to mess with." Then she walked and started to talk trash. Saying "oh she aint gonna do nothing." Then I lost my temper and was like "I won't I won't if you got something to say come say it in my face." So she walked over and said in myin my face and gave a shove. I got so mad I went up to her and pushed her to the ground and was like don't touch me. And by the time I was done my friends came over to come me down. And took me inside the school. I told the principle what happen and why I felt so mad. I did not get in trouble but she did tell me to ignore Pastel because she's always messing with somebody to start a fight. This made me feel mad because she wanted me to fight her.

This violent experience happened to me because of my temper towards another person. Some of the reasons that violent things happen in my neighborhood is because of ignorance when you don't anything about somebody don't say anything about them.

What my community could have done differently to avoid my violent experience is by not causing fights and keeping their comments to themselves. I could help stop violence between young people by stopping fights and not gossiping about someone in a bad way. What I would do when I see or hear something violent is tell an adult what is happening. I will deny someone if they tell me to do something violent with them. I would say to young people who solve their problems with violence is violence is just going to make your life worst in the future because what goes around comes around. Also I would say violence is never the answer.