YOUTH VIOLENCE ESSAY

Youth violence is cruel and certainly not cool. Your community, no that's not big enough, the world should live in peace and with love. This topic is very, very important to me because I honestly believe that people shouldn't try to do violence to themselves and to others.

Violence can and does affect peoples lives. It does in mine. I don't feel safe where I live and people are always saying "you're safe" but you're really not. It's not that their lying to me, no its that there's too much violence for me to be safe. Every morning I wake up scared and afraid that I will die because someone has shot me as I was walking to the bus stop. I'm sure this isn't just me who thinks this. I've heard gunshots and have seen with my own eyes ......violence all around me. Like the incident that happened in Connecticut. That very day scared me so much. Can I even go to school and still be safe? Maybe, but likely not. School shootings ....violence. That's extreme violence. I don't know why on Earth people do it. Answer me this, "what did the school ever do to you?" Parents love and miss their children dearly. That day, my mother hugged me and my two siblings. She told us that she loved us regardless of what we did. That school shooting has made a big affect in my life. Violence is just so wrong in so many ways.

Alright, so you know what causes youth violence. It's things like bullying, fights, weapons, and believe it or not, going to school. Really there's no need for bullying other people because no one, I literally mean no one is perfect. Just because someone isn't like you, it doesn't give you the right to tease them, put your hands on them, or even insult them. It's not like you're any better than they are. Everybody is different. No two humans are the same. Not even identical twins. I think I've proved my point here. Now fights. Fights, fights, fights. They're just as violent as anything else. Being beaten up or beating someone else up is very violent, whether you realize it or not. For instants, the Rihanna and Chris Brown incident that happened, I believe in 2008. Yeah, I know you know what I'm talking about. No grown man or grown women should put their hands on anyone. Who cares
if they're your girlfriend or boyfriend. Maybe they're just your friend. It still doesn't give you any rights. No fighting should be done anywhere or at anytime. Why do you think that there's a law stating something like "don't put your hands on other people or you will get yourself arrested." I mean this is like common sense. Everyone knows that law. Now I know what I wrote isn't exactly word for word the law, but it's something close to it. So once again you get my point. Weapons. That one word is so powerful. Not mentally, but physically. All I can say is "let them be banned." When I hear or see the word "weapon", I think of guns and you know that I definitely think of violence. I also know that little kids think that guns are cool. They ask for the toy guns for their birthdays and for Christmas. Their parents buy them for their children. If they were parents who thought ahead of time, then they would know that toy guns aren't good for kids. They may think "oh no, my child is just playing with his friends. They all have the new Nerf gun." Think again. If your child starts to think that guns are okay, then you've got a problem. Now if they want to use guns in a good way especially in the military. Ok, because I'm not against that. Fighting for your country is an excuse to use weapon, even though people do get hurt badly fighting. If your child or anyone you know wants a gun to join a gang, say "forget it". That is a big part of the violence family. Oh my goodness, school. School most of the time has everything I literally just wrote about. It has the bullying, the fights, and sometimes weapons. The violent things that young people attend to do most likely happen at school. Kids get picked on and teased so much that they may cause fights and try to commit suicide. Of course that makes that school look bad. You wouldn't want to attend a school that has violence in it. All those things lead to suicide. That's the path people usually take. Instead of trying to make the bullying, fights, and use of weapons stop, they'd rather kill themselves. They would start to care less and less of what they think about themselves and more of what the bullies have to say. They wouldn't be their own person anymore. That's when they decide that suicide is the answer to all their problems. Well guess what, "it's not."

If I were very powerful I'd make violence stop. Not physically, but with words. Just like our very own Martin Luther King Jr. Since I'm just one
person and he had a whole movement, I can only do a minimum of things
to stop this matter from happening. First off, I could start a group and
make posters to put up around my school. They'd be everywhere you could
think of. Such as in the hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, cafeteria, and
maybe just maybe outside. I'd have to get permission first, but I'm sure
they'd let me. Really by myself I can't do much. If my community started
a program that has people talking to young kids about how violence is
wrong and how to stop it from happening, that should help a lot. I know
that when your young you learn a lot of things and live to remember them
as you get older. So if they learned how to prevent violence, they could
teach others how in the future. It would be passed down from generation to
generation. Then your community and the world could live in a safer place.
So as the young get older and grow up they'll know that it's not cool to
cause violence. Youth violence is going on all around us everyday and all
day. It really needs to stop, immediately. No one should harm others, no
one especially you yourself.