The Recipe to Violence

Jealousy. One small word, that leads to big actions. Jealousy leads to youth violence in the world. It’s because people want what others have, since they cannot have it for themselves. They feel as if they need to have ‘what’s in’ in order to ‘fit in’. They get jealous, and it ends up making them feel like they need to act in violence in order to get what they want. They end up hurting innocent people. And for what reason? Being jealous. I have a story to share about jealousy and violence coming together, transforming into one bad mixture.

A year ago or so, some new sneakers had just been released in stores. All you would see is people camping out side the stores, fatigue fulfilling their eyes, just for some new shoes. Some people succeeded, and bought the sneakers, while some sulked and had to go home without the new shoes, because they had been soled out. A lot of those people were disappointed, while some didn’t really care. One of the people who had gotten the shoes was lucky enough and it was obvious that they were happy and proud. I didn’t know him personally, but what I do know is that while he had the shoes on the next day, he was shot, and killed. The criminal ran off, with the shoes as well. The poor teenager was killed over sneakers. Its sad to think about it, knowing that jealousy drives people to do the most craziest things ever.
Youth violence can be prevented. Try to control your jealousy. It is normal to feel a bit envious of a person, but you’ll know when to control it. Be grateful for what you have, because at least you have something, whether small or big. If you think in a positive way, youth violence doesn’t have to occur in a regular basis like it usually does. One by one, we can make this change happen. That means you, too.

"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson