VIOLENCE

Violence is a word that has a lot of meaning to it. When I hear the word violence I get different images in my head. I start to see bloody images and people crying for help. I have never actually experienced violence but I know people who have. My cousin that I'm really close with was hit by her father. I didn't know that any of this ever happened until I got home from school that day. When I got home I seen her face all swollen and her lips were busted it brought tears to my eyes to see her like that.

I knew it hurt her physically but it hurt me mentally because seeing her in pain like that broke my heart into pieces. I knew there wasn't really anything for me to do but I did whatever she needed me to. I stuck by her side and talked to her about everything that had happened.
This affected me in many ways cause it made me think if her own father beat her little that could this mean that when it was least expected could someone else or even my parents do the same thing to me. For many months my cousin was angry because he realized no type of punishment for what he had done she is still learning how to deal with it and I'm supporting her.

Many different things can cause youth violence. I believe that youth violence is caused by parents, gangs, drugs and weapons. I think this because the things that happen in the real world by causing children to join gangs or do drugs.

Based on this experience what I think we can do about youth violence is to start a group so people can talk about their feelings. I also think we can put pressure on those we know committed crimes and have them arrested but we also need to advocate for stronger laws for purchasing guns and gang activity.