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A girl ran down the sidewalk racing for the safety of home. Tears streamed down her face. She was so tired of being teased by the same three girls. What did she ever do to them?

There are millions of other kids who get bullied too. A bully is a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate others. It is also using superior strength or influence to intimidate someone, typically to force him or her what one wants.

(dictionary) There are at least three people involved in a scene of bullying. The bully, the victim, and witness. The victim is the person getting bullied. The bully is bullying the victim and the witness is the person that see's the action. 56% of students have personally witnessed some type of bullying at school. 195

I chose to write about this topic because I have personally been bullied in the past. It is terrible. You want to know the worst part? My friends saw but didn't say anything. One of Martin Luther King's quotes was "In the end, we will remember not the words of the enemy but the silence of our friends". I can relate to that because to this day I don't remember all of the heart breaking things the bully said I just remember that not one of my friends said anything or did anything about it.

Everyone in their lifetime is going to get bullied. You are going to be depressed, confused, and angry. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Did you know that it is estimated that 16,000 children miss a chunk of school because the fear of a bully?(National Education Association). There are some actions you can take. Talk to an adult you trust and ask for advice or talk to the school principal. There is a lot of things we can do to stop

bullying. We can create harsh punishments for the bully or create better security in the hallways to insure no bullying.

Like Martin Luther King said " Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." It is time to stand up against bullies. No more keeping silent!

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Can We Overcome

Imagine walking into your child's class, expecting to see him or her having the time of their lives, and hanging out with a group of friends; but instead, you walk in only to see them harassed for his or her race, culture, religion, or even skin color! This happens each and every day. Stereotypes are ruining our society! Being called a terrorist for being a Muslim, or being called spoiled for being an only child is absurd. It isn't fair and it needs to change. Stereotypes cause many problems, and hurt people in a variety of ways. There are teachers who feel as if taking extra time to explain a problem to an African American is worthless, but to a white person, it isn't. Stereotypes are a disgrace that we have to put an end to it.

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When I was in the sixth grade, I was asked a question that drained the innocence out of me. I was entered into an argument with an acquaintance in my class. His words absolutely stunned me. The boy said, and I quote, "What are you gonna do about it? Throw an Islamic bomb at me?" I didn't know how to respond. My brain went on overdrive and, my nostrils flared. I just stayed stoic, and walked home, my mind not thinking straight.

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Many people believe that stereotypes are too broad to fix; however, what they aren't putting into consideration, is that we, the people, started stereotypes. Therefore, we should be able to put an end to them. A way we can do this, is by educating each other. A program called, "Judgment comes to an end" can be created. This program will be people with specific insights on specific subjects, that share why they think that way. After sharing their opinion, they will be taught about how the other people think, and the reason behind why they think this way.

Stereotypes are a disgrace to our society, that we need to put an end to. Think of someone such as Martin Luther King Jr. He fought extremely hard to end segregation, but what good does

that do if we're not taking in it for granted? Segregation ties into Stereotypes in a variety of ways, such as both issues judging and separating people. Martin Luther King Jr. went through an extreme amount of pain in order to give us equality, and have the world view each other with an open mind, and this is how we're treating our freedom, it's a shame. "I have a dream," (Martin Luther King Jr.), but will his dream ever be obtained? Well, that's up to us.

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Equal, not equal, inequality - these are the words that slice through the air. Because someone is different people will mistreat them. Will we ever overcome the idea that one person is better than the other, perhaps by gender, by race? We all breathe, we all have emotions. But instead of looking inside, people look outside. Yet, people put this aside and think that one is better than the other. Even so, our world continues to turn. Every day is a new day that is filled with a new experience. Our world is beautiful, but to others it is filthy. Some of my best friends are transgender, gay, but they are all beautiful and amazing. Because of the recent political news, they feel scared. People will mistreat them and think of them differently. They hurt because of others. Because of the idea of difference people are treated unequally. They are thought to be unequal. Why is this thought? How was this idea created? Who thought of this? All of us. We thought of this idea of some being better than others. But with any problem, there is a solution. And we can find it.

What if the world decided to look at things with new ideas. Perhaps all of us could look through a new pair of glasses. A pair of glasses that shows what a person should be viewed as. They would see how amazing every person is. How amazing the world would be if it came together. So why don't you support someone? Why don't you find a new hand to hold? A new person to wave to. I remember when I had first come to this school. There were already groups of people that had their own ideas. They would not accept a person if they were not "qualified". This would leave me in the dust. Only because of how I would look. Who cares if someone is shorter than average? Who would care if someone had a beautiful skin color darker than what they are used to? Because of this, people are excluded from an amazing world that they should experience. We need to change this. From now on when you see a difference, think of it as a special quality that could brighten your eyes. From now on look someone in the eye that you have not before. From now on consider others for who they truly are. Get to know them because they can take your breath away. We can overcome this idea of inequality, of difference, of feeling unsafe. I just need you to participate in this idea, because with your help we shall overcome.