

## **STUDENT WRITING #1**

We know many things about bullying. We know that it can be done physically, socially, and emotionally. We also know that it can be done online. The one fact we are having a hard time with is easily the most important, how to effectively stop it.

Just look at the facts, 30 percent of every teen in America admits to have been bullied before (Scholastic). A staggering 282,000 teens are bullied monthly in school. If you think about how many students there are in the United States, that's almost 3 million kids(Bullying Stats & Facts).

As Sameer Hinduja, co-director of a cyberbullying organization, says that the laws that could give the bullies a criminal record aren't working (Scholastic). He says that kids who are given a criminal record tend to think that they really are criminals and start acting like one (Scholastic). This could lead to an increase in bullying or other crimes around the country.

Schools haven't been doing a very good job of stopping bullies either. There are many cases around the United States where a parent of a bullied student has complained to a school, and nothing happens. If this keeps up, students are going to realize that schools haven't done much to stop them. After this happens, students will continue to bully.

As you can see, there hasn't been much action being taken to prevent bullying. It could either be from, too much bullying, not knowing how to stop it, or trying to stop it and failing. whatever it is, schools around America better get the situation figured out, and fast.

## **STUDENT WRITING #2**

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." This is the most widespread lie in the world today. Millions of kids all over the world are being bullied every day, and nobody knows the pain they are feeling. There must be a solution to such a great problem.

There has been a serious discussion going on in the United States about whether or not bullying should land kids behind bars. Today 49 out of 50 states have passed anti-bullying laws, while 7 of the 49 have passed laws against bullying so severe that it will put the attackers in jail (Morais). I believe laws like these are necessary. People may say they are not the ones forcing kids to kill themselves but in an indirect way they are the primary reason.

I, as a person, believe it is morally wrong to bully others. What have those kids ever done to you to deserve such agony? There is simply no reason for it and is a hate crime. Two of the main reasons kids are bullied is because of appearance and social status (TeensHealth). This is not fair because those bullies do not know what that child goes through in their personal life! It should be treated the same as if the Klu Klux Klan performed actions against their victims. That's all clans like that do is bully a minority to make themselves feel powerful.

In "Bullies behind bars" it states that nearly 30% of all teens have been bullied at one point in their lives (Morais). This is a ridiculous amount because it is nearly 1/3 of the whole teen population! There must be action taken in an effort to relieve the stress on these kids. Bullying most frequently occurs in the 6th-8th grade which is even more wrong! Those 3 years should be one of the funnest in a child's young life, not a time of fear or depression.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Whoever came up with this extremely misleading statement must have been blind to the millions of kids across the world who suffer everyday from bullying. The world needs to take a stand and bring kids like this relief. It could be their only hope.

### STUDENT WRITING #3

Is getting sent to jail too far for a simple bully? Are kids too soft and isolated to not take any jokes or any abuse? Or are kids taking "bullying" too seriously?

"Bullying" or not being able to calm down or take a joke because it's going to happen. Being sent to jail for being "mean" tells me that today's society can't even handle a simple deal. It's like we go home and kill ourselves just because we got a D on a test. If we have to go home and think about killing ourselves then you have a lack of personality and, or a common sense for comedy.

I will agree some people take things too far but, do you really have to even think about killing yourself? 9/10 "gay" people say they have been bullied. 1. It is against my religion to be gay but I won't say anything about it even though I don't believe in it. 2. Everyone gets bullied so quit complaining. And 3. If you want to be socially gay and you know you'll get bullied or "have someone being mean" for it then you should be ready and not complain that someone is being "mean."