

Strategies for Youth

2019 YOUTH VOICES

CONTEST WINNER

Alexie Boursiquot, Age 13

No need for violence here

Violence

Caused by Miscommunication,
Left to assumption

Judging with no shame,
Accusations or just passing the blame,
A single match that starts a flame,
No tears can express the pain,
Emotions flood people's brains

Words fail to soften the blow,
Justice fails to show,
Guilt fails to go,
Shame will forever follow

Unless

We look them in the eye,
Put our hands in the sky,
Don't run, don't try to hide,
It would save countless lives

Unless

They would look, but not judge

Hold not a single grudge,
The gun would never have to budge

The trigger never pulled,
The bullet never shot,
The life never taken,
No child left quaken, in fear
No screams loud enough for all to hear

No need for violence here
