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Ruminations on Violence

You will be assigned one of the following quotations on violence. Please read the quotation carefully. Look up any words you don't know.

1. Explain the significance of your quotation.

2. Reflect upon your quotation. Do you agree? Do you disagree? Why?

- Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent. - **Salvor Hardin**
- The only thing that's been a worse flop than the organization of non-violence has been the organization of violence. - **Joan Baez**
- It is better to be violent, if there is violence in our hearts, than to put on the cloak of nonviolence to cover impotence. - **Gandhi**
- Non-violence is the policy of the vegetable kingdom. - **H G Wells**
- There is a violence that liberates, and a violence that enslaves; there is a violence that is moral and a violence that is immoral. - **Benito Mussolini**
- Violence has no constitutional sanction; and every government from the beginning has moved against it. But where grievances pile high and most of the elected spokesmen represent the Establishment, violence may be the only effective response. - **William O. Douglas**
- These violent delights have violent ends. - **William Shakespeare**
- Violence does even justice unjustly. - **Thomas Carlyle**
- All violence, all that is dreary and repels, is not power, but the absence of power. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- Violence is as American as cherry pie. - **H. Rap Brown**
- Nothing good ever comes of violence. - **Martin Luther King Jr**
- Violence is a choice masquerading as a necessity. - **Steve Ryals**

- Poverty is the worst form of violence.- **Gandhi**
- I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent. - **Gandhi**
- Through violence you may murder a murderer, but you can't murder murder.
Through violence you may murder a liar, but you can't establish truth.
Through violence you may murder a hater, but you can't murder hate.
Darkness cannot put out darkness. Only light can do that... -**Martin Luther King Jr**
- The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. - **Martin Luther King Jr**
- We are nonviolent with people who are nonviolent with us. -**Malcom X**
- Violence ever defeats its own ends. Where you cannot drive you can always persuade. A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles. There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you. - **William Hazlitt**
- Violence is essentially wordless, and it can begin only where thought and rational communication have broken down. -**Thomas Merton**
- The imposition of stigma is the most common form of violence used in democratic societies.- **R.A. Pinker**
- Salvation and justice are not to be found in revolution, but in evolution through concord. Violence has ever achieved only destruction, not construction; the kindling of passions, not their pacification; the accumulation of hate and destruction, not the reconciliation of the contending parties; and it has reduced men and parties to the difficult task of building slowly after sad experience on the ruins of discord.-**Pope Piux XII**
- The most violent element in society is ignorance.- **Emma Goldman**