



# Social Justice Poems

## “Gun Violence is Bad”

We want to tell a story about gun violence, that happens too much where we are from and how it affects everyone around us.

I was just trying to be a hero. I lost my life I can't believe it;  
I hope I can see my mom again.  
It was never meant to happen.

The trigger should have never been pulled.  
She walked up on me she startled me, and I lost my cool.  
When we got the phone call I was in stock. I dropped the phone and broke down crying.

How did this happen? Why her oh my baby, my baby. I witnessed something I want to unsee.  
That day made me sit and wonder. If, I made my body move would it change the outcome?

Gun violence is a bad matter where we are from.  
Let's End This!!!!



## “If I Could Change the World”

If I could change the world,

I'll help others and be someone who inspires,  
Everyone around me and ignite a fire,  
So that they can save people's lives,  
Doing what we can to survive.

If I could change the world,

I would support those who are in need.  
In the garden of life planting seeds,  
Expressing myself through all forms of art,  
A change of mind and a change of heart.

If I could change the world.



**“This is Not a Poem”**

This is not a poem.  
This is our history.  
Our history is important,  
Our history is cruel.

This is not a poem, this is our lives,  
Everyone around us is dying,  
All I hear is cries.

This is not a poem, this is the world.  
The world is cruel and evil,  
We could make it better,  
This is fixable.

This is not a poem, this is our hope,  
That we will wake up confident and unafraid,  
With no tears, no cries.

**Buhrer Dual Language Academy**  
**6th - 8th Grade Team**



## “Change”

Change is something we need.

A change is like a breeze.

If we change,

We won't hear people crying on their knees,

Saying help me.

With one change the world will,

Be beautiful again.

So let's start with change!

**God - 8th Grade**

**Buhrer Dual Language Academy**

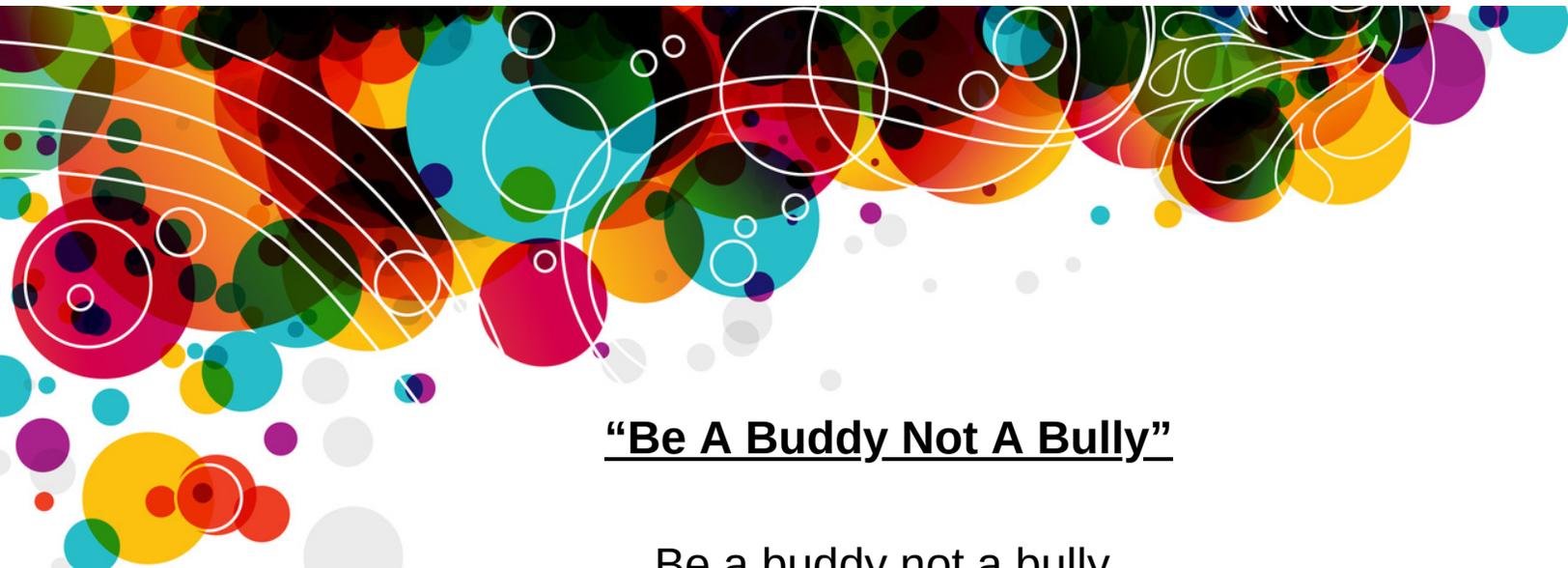


## “Racism”

If I could stop racism that's  
What I would do.  
They should not take  
It out on you.  
2022 will be better,  
I hope the racist things will stop.  
Moms are losing  
Their kids, just because they are black.  
We don't deserve that.

If I could help the homeless, I would, if  
I had 15 million I would give,  
It to the homeless.  
I would bless the homeless, then I get blessed  
I would do anything to help the homeless.

You know I will become a legend.  
I will be famous one day.  
I'm nice, funny, smart and wise.  
Why do people like you?  
Know why, but if you are a bully  
I don't like you, but if you  
Don't like me, I don't like you.



**“Be A Buddy Not A Bully”**

Be a buddy not a bully,  
Non-toxic like this marker.

Be happy, not sad.

If you're mad just talk,  
It could be me or a counselor.

If you feel pain, give joy,  
Like an awesome toy.

Pain is sadness,  
Healing is happiness.

If you've been abused I will be kind.  
Don't waste your time and you will shine like the sun.  
Open your heart and open your mind.

So you can have fun.

Talk and share,  
Please, before,  
Don't feel left out.

I really, really care  
Come out of the darkness.

Choose the light.  
Be a buddy not a bully.  
Do what's right.



## “Responsibility”

R is for responding

E is for education

S is for satisfaction

P is for personification

O is for openings

N is for never wrong

S is for special

I is for intervention

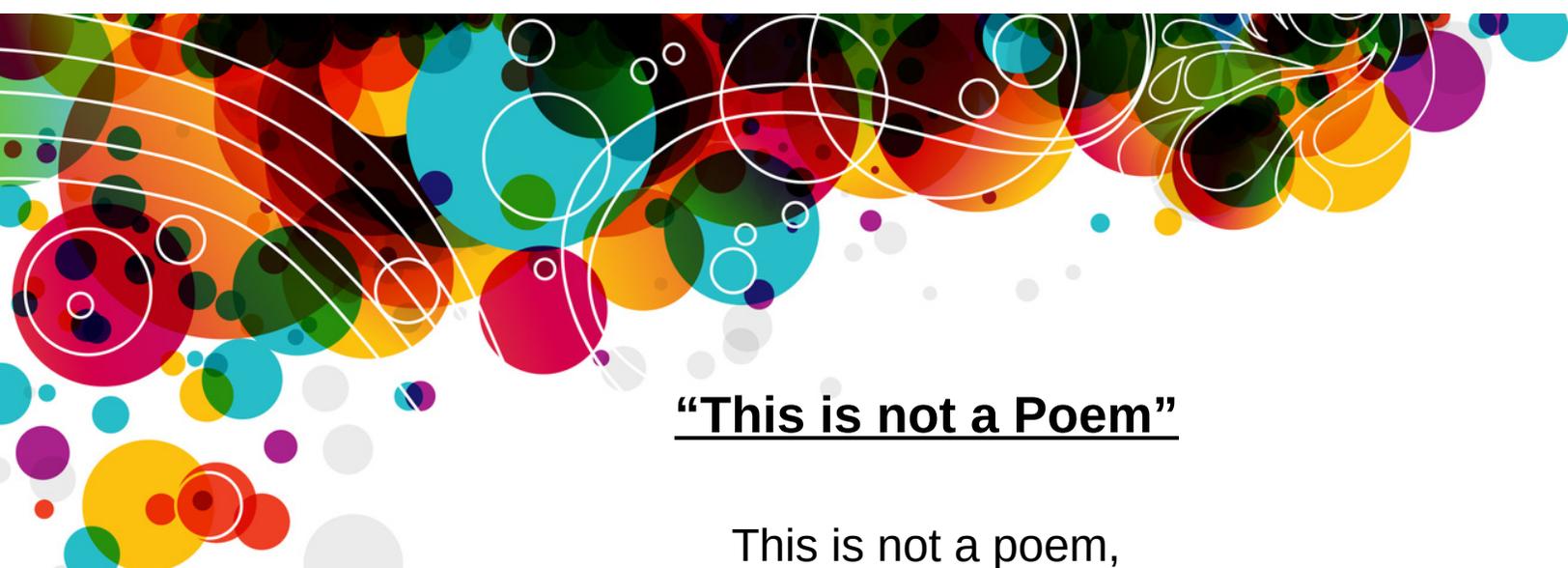
B is for besides

I is for identification

L is for living the dream

T is for talented

Y is for yesterday



**“This is not a Poem”**

This is not a poem,  
This is life.  
Young black men,  
Having to fight,  
For their life.  
This isn't how  
We're suppose  
To live.  
Mother's having  
To worry  
About their children  
Dying each and  
every night.  
Blacks having to  
Fight for their  
Rights.  
They're trying to  
Make a perfect story.  
But this is not a poem  
This is life.

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Warner Girls Leadership Academy**



## "What is Social Media?"

What is Social Media?

A place where expectations that are not realistic are held.  
A place in 2004 full of cat videos and now it's crazy and not safe.  
Social media is like a backyard, it can be sunny, fun and bright  
It can also be dark and scary.

What is social media?

Social media is like the ocean, it can be all fun and games  
Until you realize what's actually inside of it.  
Social media is more toxic than the Cuyahoga River.  
Social media was good at first but then it turned into  
hateful comments and bad rumors.

What is social media?

Social media is something that people use  
more than they spend time with their family.  
Social media is a place to hide your face and  
maybe end up on Catfish one day.  
Social media, somewhere teens go and hide  
when the real world will sit, talk and shame  
When kids spread their pics to people  
including their privacy around the world.

What is social media?

Social media turned into canceling and death threats.  
Social media makes you have a different perspective on things.  
Social media was a place to play games but now it's not too safe.  
Social media is good and bad, we have predators,  
cyberbullying and sometimes it makes people sad.

HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE SOCIAL MEDIA?