

What Happened Right Before?

Time needed: 30 minutes

Recommended Level: All grades

Categories: Awareness, Friendship issues, Helping victims

Common Core Standard (s): Language, Writing to convey information, Speaking & Listening

Purpose: Students will understand that bullying happens many times before the physical fight.

DISCUSSION:

The teacher will discuss fighting with the class. How does it happen? What is usually the result? What causes people to fight at school?

ACTIVITY:

Students will read the following fight situations and will make guesses about what might have happened before the fight.

Situations:

- Melinda and Abby are best friends. Yesterday they were getting along fine. This morning, Melinda came to school and hit Abby before homeroom even started.
- Reggie and Pat don't really know each other. Reggie has a tendency to not watch where he is going in the hallways. During a really crowded passing period, Reggie and Pat got into a fight.
- Liza picks on Erin day after day during recess, but Erin hasn't done anything or told a teacher. Today they got into a fight.

Encourage students to add their own situations to the list if you need more.

FOLLOW-UP:

Discuss possible answers to each scenario with the class.



Helping Everyone with Anti-Bullying,
Respect & Tolerance

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