Poverty is a problem that affects the entire world. We live in a world full of people who witness or see people in poverty but do not know how to solve the problem. In the world, 1 in every 30 seconds children and adults are dying from malnourishment and from dehydration. It is sad when at least 80% of humanity lives on less than $10 a day and over 121 million are without education in the world (Poverty Facts). We as a world need to try to make a change in the way we handle poverty.

In Memphis, Tennessee, the 38111 and 38114 zip codes, also known as Orange Mound, are one of the poorest zip codes in America. 70 percent of Orange Mound is unemployed. Jobs are hard to find and in some places it is even harder to find jobs that pay you enough money to make a living off of. Another reason why Memphis is not doing well financially is because the cost of living is going up. This is making it harder for lower income families to make a living. People in the Orange Mound part are struggling so much because of poverty, they do not have money for foods the kids are going home hungry. Some are even going home without running water and electricity. Another reason is lack of education because now to get a good and decent job you need a high school diploma and a college degree.

When I went to Whitehaven High School on January 24, 2014, I learned that there are different ways to define and to describe poverty. You will not agree with every answer and some answers will be more complex than others. I learned that poverty is not as simple as people really think. Another thing I learned was that poverty affects economic growth and economic interdependence. Economic growth is expanding aggregate output through policy, investment, and an increase in the factors of production. Economic Interdependence is mutual dependency. Poverty has a lot of layers to it and as many people know about poverty but do not know how to help. They figure that if they send moneyit will make a huge impact. It turns out it does not because there are so many factors that try to hold people back from reaching their goals and dreams. People go around talking about the unfortunate people in the world who live there, but one thing that we fail to realize is that the people born there did not choose to be born there or to live there but circumstances happen.

My definition of poverty is the inefficiency to make ends meet because of the circumstances surrounding such as lack of knowledge, money, health care, and cost of living which results to harmful decisions in order to find a means of survival. The collaboration of definitions differed from my definition because some people made their definitions as easy to understand as possible while others made theirs as complex as possible to make the definition sound more intelligent . In one group the definition of poverty was poverty is the life struggles that leave people hungry, homeless, and forced to make sacrifices just to make ends meet. This is an example that differs from my definition by the way I talked about the circumstances and they talked about the effects.

By destroying poverty, we will be promoting economic growth and development by decreasing the unemployment rate, bettering the world’s population because less people would be dying every day, nobody would have to go home hungry, better education, more money will be spent in society which will increase the standard of living in the world, and more. Things we can do in my community are to develop more groups and clubs to spread the word about how poverty really affects our economy. We could get more people to volunteer at the Food Bank or at homeless shelters to let the helpless feel that people do care about them and their wellbeing. Poverty is a sad situation that nobody wishes to be in. The future generations should vote to put people in Congress and the House of Representatives who are going to change the way we negotiate with countries because if he change it, we could work together to provide more people in the world with the necessities they need to survive. We need to take a stand and try to change the world since word unspoken will never be heard. So, let’s lend a hand the best way we can and try to better our city and then the world.

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