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Problem: Many students don't understand the correlation between bullying and school violence. In order to keep our schools safe, students need to understand how bullying affects the safety of the entire school, not just the bully and the victim/s.

Exercise:

- Introduce the topic of bullying by giving the definition: Bullying consists of ongoing threats, physical attacks, words, gestures, or social exclusion directed at a student or students by a student or group of students who have more power either physically or socially.
- Have students brainstorm a list of fact-based questions they have about bullying. Students might want to know, for example, the percentage of students who are bullied, the percentage of suicides that are blamed on bullying, the number of incidents of school violence that are a result of bullying, the percentage of bullies who commit violent crimes as adults, the percentage of schools that have anti-bully programs, if and what their own school bullying policies are, and so forth.
- Select five to ten of the most important questions, arrange students in pairs of small groups and ask each group to research print or online resources to find the answer to its assigned questions.
- Combine the questions into a quiz, either online or in print and invite students to take the quiz.
- Discuss findings.

Identify Skills:

Students will be familiar with the definition of "Bullying".
Students will become familiar with Facts and Myths about bullying.

Students will learn about the connection between bullying and school violence.

Students will understand how bully prevention can increase school safety overall.

Worksheet:

Students will have created their own worksheet

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