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A place I feel connected to...

The one place that makes me feel attached, it makes me feel loved and cared, the one place that educates me about important life lessons, it is the place I call HOME. The ultimate reason on why I feel connected to my home is because of my parents, siblings, and loved ones who help guide and shape my path to a greater future while doing all that with the special one of a kind love and affection. Sarah Williams once stated "*They created a home where I felt safe, I could make mistakes, Failure wasn't punished*". These words perfectly sum up the atmosphere of a loving home. A home isn't just a shelter that protects you from different weather conditions, it's a place of learning, a place where you can make mistakes and learn from them and most importantly it's a place filled with LOVE. Most people don't the difference between a house and a home, a house is a structure made up of bricks and other materials but a home is a house with love. My home is the place where I feel most connected to and after that is the place where I get educated, my school. Also known as the evergreen years of a person, the school days are when people spend the most of their early years. Most people despise the idea of school and whatever follows it but their forgetting that school isn't just a building made up of bricks or a place where your forced to wake up early in the morning, its more than that, it's a place of learning and also our second home since we spend most of our day there. In a way these two places which I've mentioned are connected in many ways. In both places the learning process happens and there is care between those living and working in it. The lack of peace in many parts of the world is due to the disputes or altercations happening in the place they feel most connected to. Fights in our homes breaks the love and bond each family member has for each other, or even minute misunderstanding in our school leads to even bigger problems leading to an exchange of fists and that's how chaos and violence spreads like a wildfire. The lack of peace even leads to the unwanted bloodshed of innocent people who have nothing to do with these problems. Many young children become orphans; wives become widows and so on...But the solution is simple, learning how to reconnect with our loved ones in our society and especially in our homes because having care and affection towards one another is a Herculean task or one that requires a lot of effort, it's simple all you have to do is be tolerant towards one another in your special place or connected place and

listen to other people's opinions based on a particular issue, because who knows on the great things that we humans can come up with in order to make this world a better place to live in and for the future generations to come. Its high time that we humans pull up our socks and take responsibility for our actions because when everyone starts to clean up a giant mess only then can we be done with it.