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Our group consisted of social workers in a middle school in Harlem that is experiencing an increase in bullying and violence. Roberta was the lead social worker who brought the group together to brainstorm and develop the appropriate program for the school. We all agreed on creating a group that will focus on the bullies and those causing physical violence to others. The group participants will be the bullies and it will have a positive youth development approach. Furthermore, we chose close-ended groups to allow us to build rapport with the student that will be a part of the group and control the number of students in each group to make it more manageable. One thing that stood out to me was that there were no specific roles in the group other than Roberta being the leader of the group, and we all were able to share our opinions and knowledge to create something amazing for the students at the school. I feel like in our group everyone's input was taken into consideration and respected, and if there was something that not everyone agreed on, there was room for an explanation as to why the idea would not work for the targeted group of students. Other than collaborating, we also learned from each other.