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Learning about Bullying

I used a compare and contrast organizer to look at the difference between two approaches to handling bullying. When someone is being bullied, others can walk away and do nothing or they can fight back against the bully. I wanted to compare these two different strategies to see the strengths and weaknesses of each.
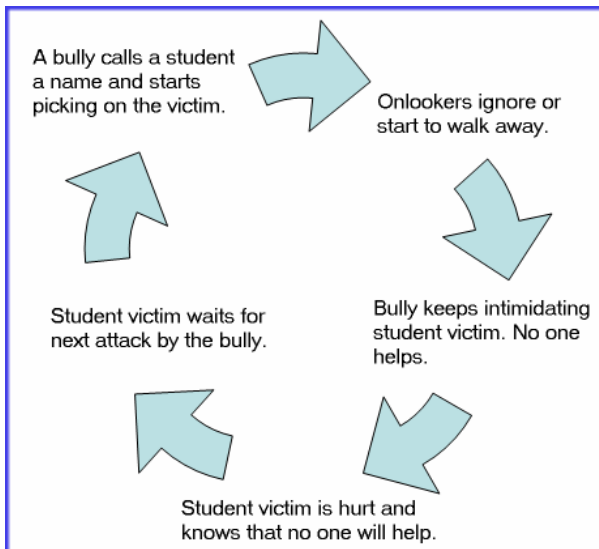
Compare /Contrast Organizer

	Walk Away or Do Nothing	**Fight Back**
Characteristics		
Type of Action	Passive	Aggressive
Amount of Action	Low	High
Risk of Retaliation	Low	High
Danger of Escalation	Low	High
Ability to Stop Future Bullying	Low	Low
Chances of Success	Low	Low

After reviewing these two different strategies, I do not think that either is effective in handling a bullying situation. These two strategies are opposite to each other, but neither strategy will stop the bullying incidents and each may have grim consequences for the victim and the onlookers. I now see that more investigation is needed to discover successful ways to stop bullying and promote a safe school environment.

Chain of Events Organizer

When Onlookers Ignore Bullying

A bully calls a student a name and starts picking on the victim.

Onlookers ignore or start to walk away.

Bully keeps intimidating student victim. No one helps.

Student victim is hurt and knows that no one will help.

Student victim waits for next attack by the bully.

When Onlookers Fight Bullying

A bully calls a student a name and starts picking on the victim.

One of the onlookers tells the bully to stop.

Bully gets mad at both the victim and the onlooker and begins to taunt both.

Bully, victim, and onlooker start to fight. Nothing is resolved.

Bully, victim and onlooker wait for the next confrontation.