



INTRODUCTION

A note for facilitators and educators:

This packet is designed to create civil discussion amongst students on the topic of gun violence in America.

Our intention is for this packet to help foster open and honest communication. This should be a safe space for ideas and differing opinions.

Please pay particular attention to the needs of any individuals present who may have experienced a personal tragedy due to gun violence. Part of our healing process is to foster a community of support.



HOW TO USE

Please Note...

The movie has a total run time of 89 minutes.

The lesson should be tailored to fit your needs for time.

The lesson plan works best when followed in order. Facilitators should feel free to use the available group discussion time to dictate the amount and type of questions asked. Any portion of this can be turned into written activity if this helps fit the needs of the lesson.

Our goal is for this to engage an audience to think, question and discuss as a group.



do YOU know the facts

*teachers note- use these questions to begin discussion

- 1- How many homicides happen in America each year?
- 2- How many of those are gun deaths?
- 3- How many suicides are from self-inflicted gunshot wounds?
- 4- How many people are non-fatally injured by guns?
- 5- How many of those lead to traumatic brain injuries or paralysis?
- 6- What has killed more Americans... gun violence or war?
- 7- Is gun violence better or worse in other countries?
- 8- How many school shootings are there each year?



section time: 15 minutes

the ANSWERS

*teachers note- you can have students research these facts to compare results

- 1- Yearly Homicides: 100,000+ yearly
- 2- Gun Homicides: 36,000+ yearly
- 3- Gunshot Inflicted Suicide: 22,000+ yearly
- 4- Non-Fatal Gun Injuries: 67,000+ yearly
- 5-TBI or Paralysis %: Is there even info about this?
- 6- War: 1,396,733 Firearms Related: 1,516,863
- 7- US vs Global Gun Violence: US rate is 25x's higher
- 8- So far in 2018 the US is on pace for more than one per week.

did your results match ours?





"A WELL REGULATED MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED" - 1791

@1791

A trained solider was capable of Rounds Per Minute, re-loading after each shot.

A semi-automatic gun is capable of firing Rounds Per Minute.



Arms have changed

To shoot the equivalent amount of bullets in one minute (60 seconds):

It would take more than 60 musketeers

to match

the fire rate of a semi-automatic assault rifle with increased ammunition capacity

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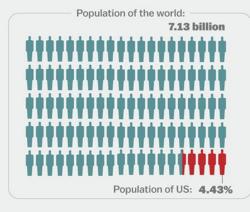
the 2nd Amendment has not

We have THE RIGHT to bear arms but IS IT RIGHT to bear arms?

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Americans own a ridiculous number of guns



Civilian-owned guns in the world: 644 million Civilian-owned guns in US: 42%

SOURCE: UNODC, Small Arms Survey, via The Guardian.

Vox

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DO YOU

feel safe?

going to the movies should be fun

not deadly

guns in America

women are

more likely to be killed if their partner has a gun

the percentage of Americans who believe we should strongly enforce the gun laws we have on record.

the percentage of Americans want harsher punishment for illegal gun sales than illegal drug sales.

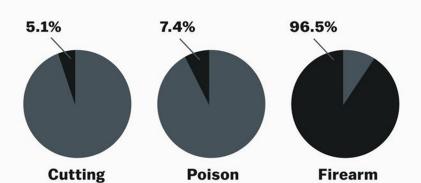
HOW TO GET INVOLVED

sign the petition asking presidential candidates to take a firm stand on gun control laws.

twitter, pinterest, &

Fatal suicide attempts

Indiana 1990-1997





DISCUSSION questions

- 1- What is surprising or expected about these statistics?
- 2- How big of a problem is gun violence in America?
- 3- Why are firearms so easy to get in this country? Is it the same in other countries?
- 4- Like earning a drivers license, what criteria should a first-time gun owner be required to qualify?
- 5- Why are there school shootings?
- 6- What can we do to solve this problem?
- 7- How does gun violence relate to mental health?



DISCUSSION questions

- 8- Where are guns the easiest to access?
- 9- What places can we list where gun violence takes place? Is there a reason or a pattern to this, or is it random?
- 10- How do income, laws, unemployment, education level, social mobility, population density and other factors impact gun violence?
- 11- If given the chance would you change gun laws? Why or why not?
- 12- What responsibilities do gun owners have to keep their firearms safe and out of the wrong hands?
- 13- Do you think new technology like fingerprint scanning or microchips would ensure safety? Why or why not?
- 14- How do we stop guns from traveling state to state illegally?



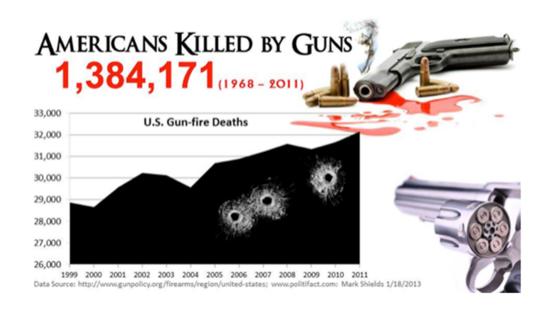


MOVIE discussion



- 1- The shooter is Latino and the victim is Caucasian. How do you feel about that?
- 2- Does bullying lead to violence? Why or why not?
- 3- Is it really as easy to get a gun as it was for Miguel? Why or why not?
- 4- What surprised you about the medical process Mark goes through?
- 5- Is Mark justified to be angry or to want revenge? What should he do? What would you do? What do you think justice means for him?
- 6- Should Miguel have apologized or kept quiet?
- 7- In the end, Mark imagines several scenarios that could have taken place. Could this have ended differently for both Mark and Miguel? Does something like fate impact them in this story?

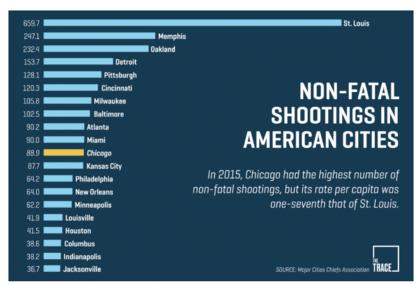








Chicago's rate of non-fatal shootings was 12th highest of 68 cities in 2015, with a rate of 88.9 per 100,000, according to the Major Cities Chiefs Association. The association collects data from the country's largest law-enforcement agencies. St. Louis led the list with a rate of 660 per 100,000 — nearly seven times as high as Chicago — followed by Memphis and Oakland.



**teachers note- use these for in-class activity or as written assignment

- 1- Would you change gun laws in your state? Why or why not?
- 2- What responsibilities do gun owners have to insure their firearms are not used to commit a crime or murder?
- 3- Which States have the best and worst gun laws and why?
- 4- Who should the news report more about, the shooter or the victims? Why?
- 5- Is gun violence related to mental acuity or health? Is there data to support an opinion on this? If so, what does it say?
- 6- How does gun violence compare throughout the world?
- 7- Discuss whether the 2nd Amendment should be updated to coincide with the evolution of firearms? Why or why not?
- 8- Are citizens responsible to report their opinions to their representatives? Is voting the only way? How else?



more INFORMATION

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- 1- Handguns are used in 80% of US Shootings.
- 2- Over 200,000 guns are stolen per year in the US.
- 3- US Citizens can own firearms designed for military use.
- 4- After prohibiting guns, Australia saw gun violence numbers drop drastically.
- 5- Concealed carry laws lead to an increase in gun violence.
- 6- There are over 300 MILLION guns in the US.
- 7- Hospital costs for firearms injury total over \$600 million per year.
- 8- EVERY DAY 46 children and teens are shot in the US.



WHO PAYS FOR FIREARM ASSAULTS?

Patients with hospital-admitted firearm assault injuries, 2003-2013

