

BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE

As you watch Michael Moore's film, make notes about the following questions. The questions are in the same order as the film.



1. Michael Moore opens a bank account so that he can get what item instead of interest?
2. Where did Michael Moore grow up?
3. Who was the president of the National Rifle Association (NRA) from 1998-2003?
4. Who are Timothy McVeign amd Terry Nichols?
5. Why does the man from Michigan militia say you must carry a gun?
6. James Nichols was arrested in connection with which booming?
7. James Nichols says, "I use the pen, because the pen is mightier than the sword. But you always have to keep the sword handy for when the pen fails." What does this statement mean?
8. Does James Nichols believe that nuclear weapons should be restricted? Does he contradict himself?
9. Describe the Littleton community!
10. The security expert in Littleton talks with Michael Moore about security in houses. What is a safe room? Why would you want one?
11. What does Lockheed mean by "We are Columbine"?
12. Why did Lockheed donate \$100,000 toward anger-management programs?
13. What happened in Kosovo on April 20, 1999? What happened one hour later?
14. What detailed ideas did Eric Harris' diary reveal?
15. What organization held a major rally in Denver 10 days after the shooting?
16. How did Matt Stone and Trey Parker choose to respond to life in Littleton?
17. What were some of the responses form schools nationwide to the tragedy at Columbine?
18. Who were some of the people/things blamed for the tragedy at Columbine?
19. How does Marilyn Manson respond to allegations that he is to blame? Who does he imply was influential?
20. What class were the boys enrolled in the morning before they killed at Columbine?
21. What other countries besides the U.S. have violent pasts?
22. How many people are killed each year in Germany, France, Canada, the UK, Japan and finally in the US?
23. When was the Colt revolver created?
24. When was the NRA founded?
25. What does the news media want people to feel?
26. How many kids have been killed by Halloween candy? Was it on purpose?
27. Who is the most common suspect on television?
28. Who most often gets in trouble for gun possession - kids in the city or kids in the suburbs?
29. Who conditions people in the United States to believe that their communities are dangerous?
30. What does the former TV producer of Cops say sells in the media?
31. How many gun murders were there in Windsor, Ontario (just across the river from Detroit) in the last three years?
32. Does Canada have guns? In 2001, could they get guns/ammunition easily?
33. How is Canadian TV news different from TV news in the United States?

34. How is the health care system in Canada different from health care in the United States?
35. How long did it take the news crews to show up in Flint, Michigan, to cover the youngest school shooting (Buell Elementary, 29 February 2000)?
36. How did the Welfare to Work program impact Tamarla Owens, the mother of the boy who shot the little girl, Kayla?
37. How did people capitalize on September 11?
38. What do Mark, Richard and Michael convince K-Mart to do about selling ammunition in their stores?
39. Who does Michael Moore visit at his house in Hollywood? What are the former actor's arguments to explain the high murder rate in the US?
40. Why does the documentary end on that particular song?
41. What is Michael Moore's ultimate message?
42. Analyse the film's cartoon "A Brief History of the United States" [Film → 50:23]
What is the central theme of the film?
43. How effective is the use of humour to convey the film's message?
44. What parts of US history does the cartoon not include?

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