

This week, we've read an essay ("11:20"), an article ("The Boys Are Not Alright"), a TEd Talk ("The Solution to Gun Violence Found in US History"), and a poem ("The Chambers of a Gun"). Using them as source material, write a cited commentary related to topics the readings address. What do you have to say about school shootings, or masculinity today, or gun laws? How do these topics intersect/crash-into each other?

Write what YOU need to write about the topics while using the writings as sources to both quote and paraphrase as needed. Whether that means you'll use them as back-up or connections or to disagree with, depends all on what you have to say. . . . (NOT a five-paragraph you-know-what)

General Requirements:

- Your personal commentary and thoughts
- typed in a Word document in MLA format (this means, among other things, double-spaced)
- 1 ½ to 2 ½ pages in length
- an original title (ALL works you write need a fitting title, NOT the assignment name)
- your best effort

Citing/Research Requirements:

- Cite at least 3 times using at least 1 verbatim quote & 1 paraphrase (use 2 to 3 of the sources)
- Make quotes count. In other words, use them where they are most effective and where the word choice or message needs to be exact.
- Paraphrase in *your own words*. Changing just one or two words is NOT a paraphrase. You may use partial quotes if appropriate.
- *In both cases, use parenthetical in-text citations indicating the author and page number as appropriate.*
- A works cited page with entries for sources you cite (2 or 3 in alphabetical order by author)

If you need to omit part of a quote, make clarifications within a quote, or change capitalization within a quote to suit your needs, be sure to use ellipses and brackets correctly. If you are citing a quote within an article, be sure to include in YOUR text the speaker of the quote, but to cite in your MLA citation the writer of the article. (For details, check the MLA Basics notes for how-to).

Your draft (when complete) will be uploaded in a digital MSWord format via Dropbox. (If you use a PDF form or Gogledocs, be sure to reformat in Word before submitting.)

PROVIDE DOCUMENT NAMES FOR YOUR WORK AS FOLLOWS *

- LastnameDRAFT#5.docx (Ex. McMurrayDRAFT#5.docx)

**Leaving the .docx or .doc after the document name will allow the document to be opened in Dropbox without download (don't add it – it will automatically show up).

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DRAFT EVALUATION

Draft #5 will receive feedback and commentary from students in your WRITE CLUB group (and sometimes Mrs. C) in Dropbox side comments. Then, it's up to you to decide what you will do next to improve your piece of writing.