

Bowling for Columbine

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. Charlton Heston is president of what organization? _____
4. Who are Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols?
5. Why does the man from the Michigan militia say you must carry a gun?
6. James Nichols was arrested in connection with what bombing? _____
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. The security expert in Littleton talks with Michael Moore about security in houses. What is a safe room? Why would you want one?
10. Why did Lockheed donate \$100,000 toward anger-management programs?
12. What happened in Kosovo on April 20, 1999? What happened one hour later?
13. What organization held a major rally in Denver 10 days after the shooting? _____
14. What were some of the responses from schools nationwide to the tragedy at Columbine?
15. Who were some of the people/things blamed for the tragedy at Columbine?
16. How does Marilyn Manson respond to allegations that he is to blame? Who does he imply was influential?
17. What does the news media want people to feel?
18. Who is the most common suspect on television? _____
19. Who most often gets in trouble for gun possession: kids in the city or kids in the suburbs? _____

20. Who conditions people in the United States to believe that their communities are dangerous?
21. What does the former TV producer of Cops say sells in the media?
22. How many gun murders were there in Sarnia, Canada, in the past three years?_____ How many in Windsor? _____
23. What are some misconceptions about Canada? What is the truth?
24. How is Canadian TV news different from TV news in the United States?
25. How is the health care system in Canada different from health care in the United States?
26. How did the Welfare to Work program impact Tamarla Owens, the mother of the boy who shot the little girl, Kayla?

Extended answers:

1. Is there a connection between local violence and global violence? Explain
2. What role does the NRA have in gun legislation?
3. Identify any biases you may have found in the film.