

Document 2: quizz

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Multiple choice questions. Tick the correct solution.

The Pilgrims went to the new world because:

they were explorers on a mission they were Americans and they wanted to go home they were afraid of being persecuted

they were Catholics and they wanted to convert Indians

why did the Pilgrims kill Indians upon arrival?

The Indians started to fight themselves the Pilgrims saw Indians as savages and they were afraid the Pilgrims had very little food so they ate Indians The Indians were saw as witches

the Americans decided to burn witches because:

witches are evil because witches liked Indians God told them to do so they were afraid of each other

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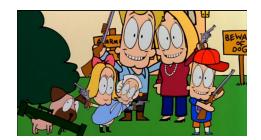
they wanted to give white people more rights they didn't feel safe God told them to do so the British were no longer there



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What is the common factor for everything that happened above?			
Note down at least three expressions linked with this notion mentioned in the video.			
Bonus questions:			
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Now match the dates you have circled with the corresponding event from the list above.



dates	events	
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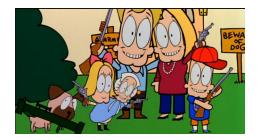
Be afraid of (being persecuted) / to be scared / frightened / freaking out (slave rebellion)

Bonus questions:

What does the 2nd Amendment consist in exactly? Every white man could keep his gun.

"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."

What is the connection between the KKK and the NRA? The NRA was created the same year the KKK was declared an illegal organisation.



Document 1: The Study finds vast online marketplace for guns without background checks By philip Ruckner The New Yorker, Feb. 2013

The marketplace for firearms on the Internet, where buyers are not required to undergo background checks, is so vast that advocates for stricter regulations now consider online sales a greater threat than the gun-show loophole.

A new study by Third Way, a center-left think tank with close ties to the Obama administration, found that thousands of guns, including so-called assault weapons, are for sale online and that many prospective buyers were shopping online specifically to avoid background checks.

"At this point, this is the biggest loophole in the background check system," said Lanae Erickson Hatalsky, director of social policy and politics at Third Way, an organization that has been active in the gun-control movement for years.

10 Background checks — designed to keep guns out of the hands of convicted felons, domestic violence perpetrators or the severely mentally ill — are mandatory for gun sales at retail stores, but not at gun shows or for private sales, such as between neighbors and family members or between individuals online.

The National Rifle Association and other gun rights supporters have advocated against expanding the background check system because they believe doing so would not stop society's most dangerous people from procuring weapons and eventually would lead to even stricter gun regulations, "which is a direct attack on both the First and Second Amendments."

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Gun-control advocates have long prioritized closing the gun-show loophole, believing that is where people seeking to avoid background checks buy their firearms. Hatalsky noted that 17 states have closed the gun-show loophole in their states, and that law enforcement officers have become savvy about scouring gun shows for people evading the law.

But online, she said, "nobody's monitoring this. Nobody has any ability to stop these people who are looking for private sellers — and the only reason to do that is to evade the background check system."

The 1993 Brady Law, which instituted the background check system, exempts all private sales, including online. Gun-control advocates say the law's authors could not have envisioned the proliferation of online gun sales.

Document 2: Max Blumenthal

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Adam Lanza, the killer of 26 people at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, was raised by a woman, Nancy Lanza, who, her sister-in-law told reporters, was obsessed with guns and "prepared for the worst", had an affinity with the "prepper" movement, an informally organized network of Americans convinced that looming disasters, ranging from the death of a family member to a Biblical apocalypse, require total self-sufficiency.

In April 2009, at the dawn of the Obama era, I toured a series of gun shows in the American west. There, I encountered a subculture that closely reflected the survivalist mentality embodied by Nancy Lanza. Heavily armed and tightly organized through one of the most powerful political lobbies in the country, many of the gun show attendees I met had been incited into a paranoid frenzy by rightwing talk radio.

Many of those I interviewed at the gun shows were common hunters, sportsmen, and expert target shooters. For them, guns were a part of daily life, enabling their interaction with the rugged western environment in which they were raised.

But then there were others seeking out military-grade sniper rifles designed specifically to kill humans with deadly accuracy from hundreds of meters away. Though the exemption covers all "private sales", not limited to gun shows, the so-called "gun show loophole" means that two in every five guns are acquired without a federally-mandated criminal background check.

Why would a common civilian need a sniper rifle capable of shooting off of building tops and car doors? And why would they require stealthy methods of concealment, so they could pass through American cities without detection?

With Democratic lawmakers and liberal activists pressuring PresidentBarack Obama for new gun control legislation in response to the Newtown massacre, rightwing survivalist types and the gun lobby are prepping for the disaster they fear the most. As a young man stroking a .45 pistol outside the Reno gun show told me:

"If Obama takes away our guns, it's just a step into trying to take away everything else."

Document 3: Gun Control Debate Back In Spotlight After Shooting

By CALVIN WOODWARD 12/15/12

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WASHINGTON — The question surfaces each time a mass murder unfolds: Will this one change the political calculus in Washington against tougher gun control? The massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., the bloodiest attack against youngsters in the nation's history, stands as a possible tipping point after Washington's decade-long aversion even to talking about stricter gun laws.

With the murder rate less than half what it was two decades ago, and violent crime down even more in that time, gun control has declined as a political issue.

One certainty in the weeks to come is that both parties in Washington will carefully watch public opinion on gun control and the Second Amendment, and whether any impact lasts.

Opposition to stricter laws has proved resilient. Firearms are in one-third or more of households and suspicion runs deep of an overbearing government whenever it proposes expanding federal authority. The argument of gun-rights advocates that firearm ownership is a bedrock freedom as well as a necessary option for self-defense has proved persuasive enough to dampen political enthusiasm for substantial change.

Obama declared "we should leave no stone unturned" to keep young people safe in a speech indicating he would challenge Congress to act on gun control. That expectation lasted for one day. The White House swiftly clarified that Obama would not propose stiffer gun laws this election year and favored more effective enforcement of existing law - a position hardly distinguishable from that of his Republican rival, Mitt Romney.

With his last presidential campaign behind him, Obama is freer to take up contentious matters that he wouldn't touch when he was an incumbent seeking re-election.

After the massacre of children Friday, Obama spoke mainly of the anguish, and the need for action, and not at all about the right to bear arms.

Associated Press writer Matt Apuzzo in Newtown, Conn., contributed to this report.