



*Be True to yourself,
So you won't lie
before a judge*

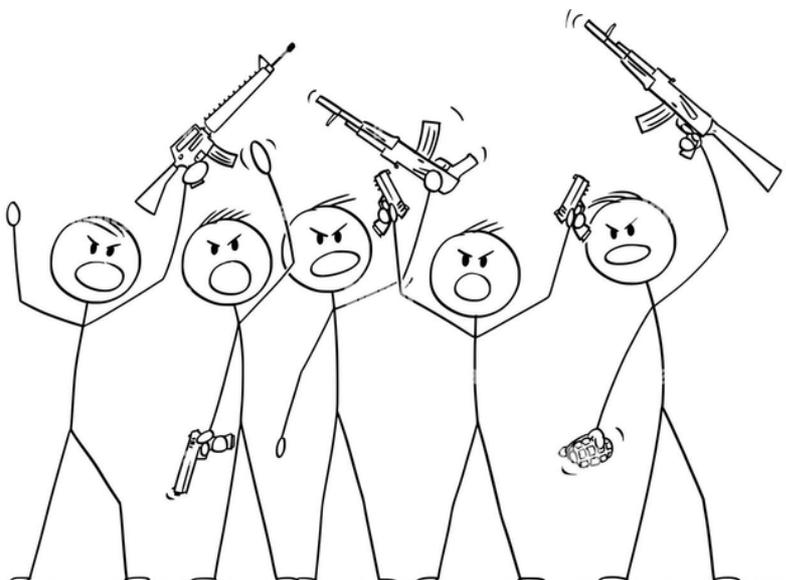
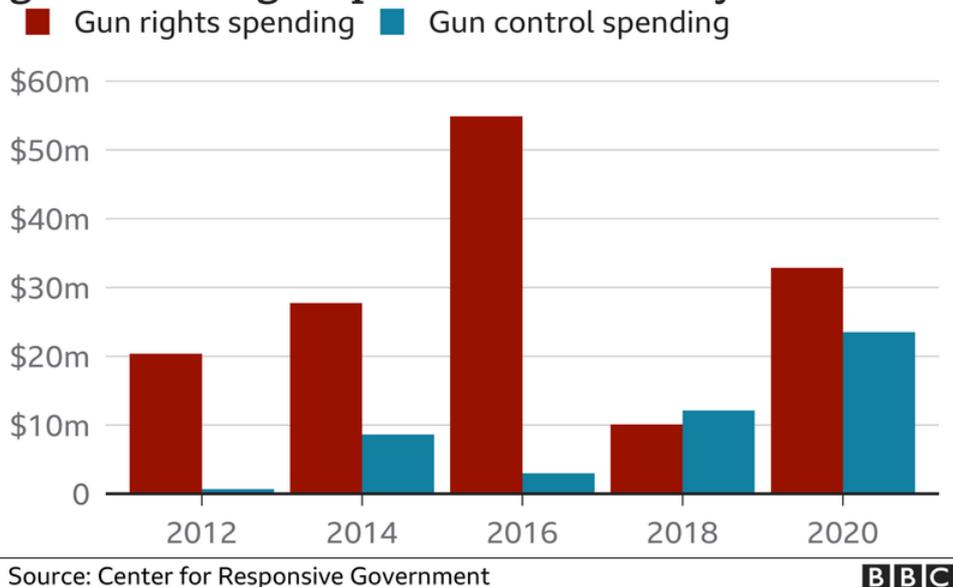


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Gun rights groups have spent more than gun control groups in most recent years



Noah's Reference

This is what our dying looks like.
You believe in the sun. I believe
I can't love you. Always be closing,
Said our favorite professor before
He let the gun go off in his mouth.
I turned 29 the way any man turns
In his sleep, unaware of the earth
Moving beneath him, its plates in
Their places, a dated disagreement.
Let's fight it out, baby. You have
Only so long left—a man turning
In his sleep—so I take a picture.
I won't look at it, of course. It's
His bad side, his Mr. Hyde, the hole
In a husband's head, the O
Of his wife's mouth. Every night,
I take a pill. Miss one, and I'm gone.
Miss two, and we're through. Hotels
Bore me, unless I get a mountain view,
A room in which my cell won't work,
And there's nothing to do but see
The sun go down into the ground
That cradles us as any coffin can.

Reference - Danez Smith // sometimes i wish i felt the side effects



but there is no proof but proof
no mark but the good news

that there is no bad news yet. again.
i wish i knew the nausea, its thick yell

in the morning, the pregnant proof
that in you, life swells. i know

i'm not a mother, but i know what it is
to nurse a thing you want to kill

but can't. you learn to love it. yes.
i love my sweet virus. it is my proof

of life, my toxic angel, wasted utopia
what makes my blood my blood.

i understand belle now, how she could
love the beast. if you stare at fangs

long enough, even fangs pink
with your own blood look soft.
low-key, later, it felt like i got it
out the way, to finally know it

up close, see it in the mirror.
it doesn't feel good to say that.

it doesn't feel good to know
your need outweighed your fear.

i braved a stupid ocean. a man.
i waded in his stupid waters.

i took his stupid salt & let it
brine my skin, took his stupid

fish into my hands & bit into it
like a flapping plum. i kissed at

his stupid coral & stupid algae.
it was stupid. silly really. i knew nothing

that easy to get & good to feel
isn't also trying to eat you.

knew what could happen. needed
no snake. grew the fruit myself.

was the vine & the rain & the light.
the dirt was me. the hands drilling

into the dirt were my hands.
i made the blade that cut me down.

but i only knew how to live
when i knew how i'll die.

i want to live. think i mean it.
take the pill even on the days

i think i won't survive myself.
gave my body a shot. love myself

at least that much. thank you, me.
thank you, pill, seafoam & bland.

thank you, sick blood, my first husband
dead river bright with salmon.

The art of Sensitivity

Young black man look at you boy, you've grown so much and you're so handsome.

Thanks grandma.

Can you go to the store for me grandson.

Sure grandma,

yo ain't that the boult that was talking crazy on the gram.

Bang bang .

Falling to the floor losing his life only because of exchanging words on an app.

Sensitivity at its finest

maybe because we can't talk to people without pointing out flaws or looking at what someone else has.

Maybe

it's jealousy

maybe it's how we grow up.

But no matter what someone else does or says it should never get to the point to take a life

Now we got two broken homes, one needs to pay for a funeral

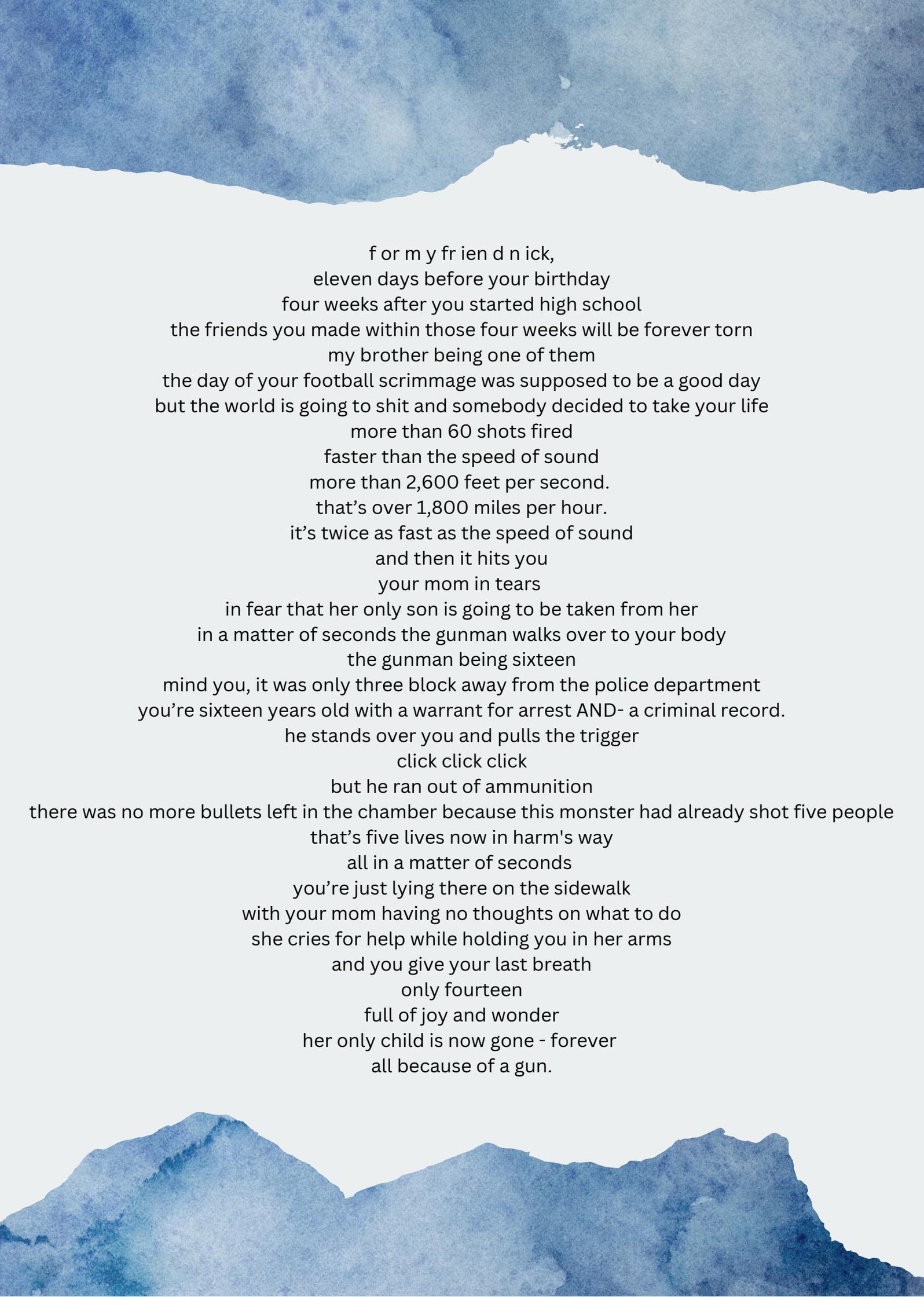
while the other pays for a lawyer

LOOK AT YOURSELF AND OF YOUR INSECURITIES

SELF REFLECT

AND GO TO GOD BECAUSE TAKING A LIFE

IS NOT GOING TO CUT IT PAL



for my friend nick,
eleven days before your birthday
four weeks after you started high school
the friends you made within those four weeks will be forever torn
my brother being one of them
the day of your football scrimmage was supposed to be a good day
but the world is going to shit and somebody decided to take your life
more than 60 shots fired
faster than the speed of sound
more than 2,600 feet per second.
that's over 1,800 miles per hour.
it's twice as fast as the speed of sound
and then it hits you
your mom in tears
in fear that her only son is going to be taken from her
in a matter of seconds the gunman walks over to your body
the gunman being sixteen
mind you, it was only three block away from the police department
you're sixteen years old with a warrant for arrest AND- a criminal record.
he stands over you and pulls the trigger
click click click
but he ran out of ammunition
there was no more bullets left in the chamber because this monster had already shot five people
that's five lives now in harm's way
all in a matter of seconds
you're just lying there on the sidewalk
with your mom having no thoughts on what to do
she cries for help while holding you in her arms
and you give your last breath
only fourteen
full of joy and wonder
her only child is now gone - forever
all because of a gun.

FREEDOM

This rage,
this violence, these
guns, these relentless
shooters

There's no room
for mistakes at all.



Trials and errors

Increase in
hate crimes

NO

The Justice

SCHOOL

WAR

Gentle & Nourishing

CAN'T WAIT.

GET THE JOB

Hidden Pain

for 911

In the trenches

the **NOT**
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IS

THREATENING

**HOW TO STOP
GUN VIOLENCE**

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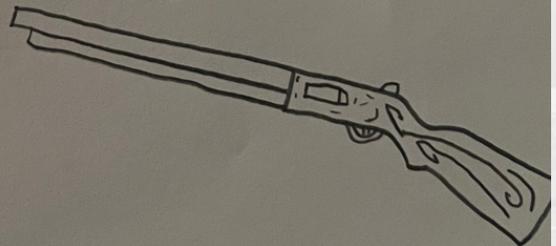
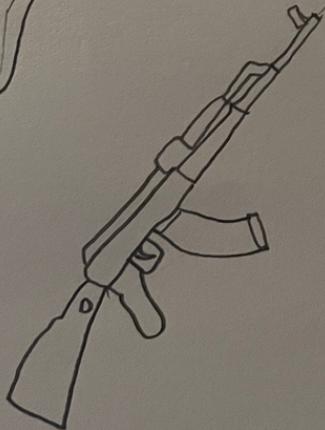
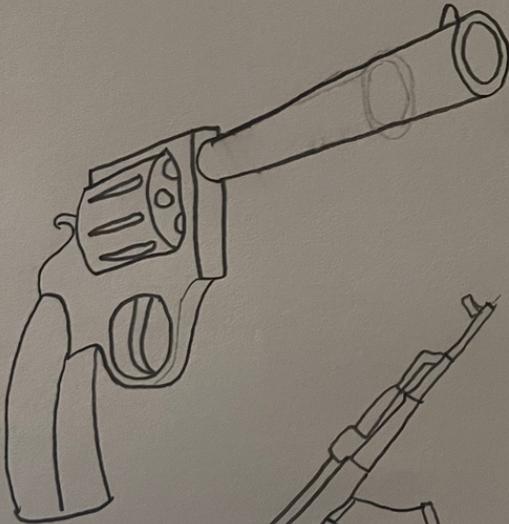
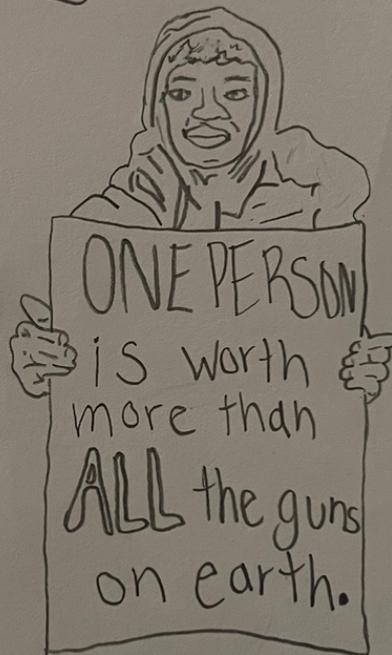
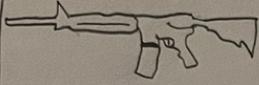


in Philadelphia

"The pain is everywhere."



I WILL NOT
COMPLY



Research Writing

During these time around 2020 there was a spike in US gun deaths by 24% for suicide and 48% for homicide. In 2020 there was a lead in the cause of death for US children involving guns

“To prevent gun injury, build better research”

From 2001 to 2020, US cancer death rates fell by 27%. The nation’s traffic fatality rates per 100,000 people fell by about 21%, even counting a small rise in 2020. By contrast, US gun death rates went up: by 24% for suicide and by 48% for homicide(Kegler, S. R. et al. MMWR Morb. Mortal. Wkly Rep. 71, 656–663 2022) In 2020, firearms became the leading cause of death for US children. (Goldstick, J. E., Cunningham, R. M. & Carter, P. M. N. Engl. J. Med. 386, 1955–1956 2022) Yet firearm injury is among the least researched and worst funded of the leading causes of death in the United States (Stark, D. E. & Shah, N. H. JAMA 317, 84–85 2017) & (Alcorn, T. JAMA Intern. Med. 177, 124–126 2017)

We are clinicians, researchers and advocates who are convinced that more research on the topic can help to reduce deaths and injuries. It has helped in other fields. For instance, seatbelts in cars were initially considered an industry issue, but public-health framing brought more data and encouraged effective safety measures. (To prevent gun injury, build better research, 03 October 2022)

A world with guns. Gun control refers to legislation and regulations that place controls on the ownership of firearms, restrict certain types of firearms, or determine where they may be carried. In the United States, gun control is a highly controversial topic that engenders debate surrounding public safety, state and federal government oversight, and individual rights. Supporters of gun control seek tighter restrictions on the sale and circulation of firearms to decrease the high incidence of gun-related violence and deaths in the United States, while opponents argue they have a constitutional right to own and bear firearms. (*"Gun Control." Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection, Gale, 2022*) Gun violence is very well known to man and there is no way to stop it. Of course we could ban guns but that could cause a variety of more issues. Some pros of banning guns... While the accidental discharge of a firearm always carries the risk of injury, the accidental discharge of an automatic weapon can result in much greater damage (*"Gun Control." Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection, Gale, 2022*) More pros like people who have mental challenges won't go buy a gun just because they are now 18 and able to wouldn't be able to, they could harm themselves and others. School shootings wouldn't be something to worry about anymore. "Assault weapons are known to be capable of injuring and killing large groups of people in mass shootings." But of course banning any type of firearm would be elucidated as a violation of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. Now this is just me but I think the Second Amendment should 100% have some changes made. Gun violence leave impacts on people everywhere. Some impacts could be for the better or worse, it could leave people traumatized, heartbroken etc, it could also inspire someone to do something about it and change the way things are

Noah - My writing and poem was inspired by Jericho Brown's elements in his. With my colloge I wanted to showcase words that had both meaning and correlated with the topic of (Gun Violence) and paste them together creating sentences that you can feel.

Kylah - Great question.... Obviously if you don't live under a rock you will comprehend that gun violence is awful in America. Now I understand that my poem is sad but it is unfortunately true. My friend Nicolas Elizalde was shot and killed on September 27th. He was my brother's best friend, only 14. My creative submission was a hand drawn picture stating that one person is worth more than all the guns on earth. I want my poem to be meaningful and to tell a story, which it did.

WORK CITED

Scholarly Articles on Gun Control: History, Legislation & Activism

Gale offers an overview of issues related to gun control, derived from scholarly sources and academic journals. Read about legislation and activism.



To prevent gun injury, build better research

From firearm suicide and homicide to unintended harm, a public-health approach can establish the knowledge and know-how needed to reduce suffering.