

Test Prep

Know the News: “We’re the Generation That’s Going to End It”

Read the article, then answer these questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?

- Ⓐ Christine Yared survived the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
- Ⓑ The National Rifle Association is a powerful gun lobby.
- Ⓒ Students across the country are calling for tighter gun control laws in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting.
- Ⓓ Republicans and people in rural areas tend to favor protecting gun rights.

2. Which statement best supports that central idea?

- Ⓐ “Their activism has inspired other students across the country to follow their lead and conduct rallies . . . and other protests.”
- Ⓑ “Congress hasn’t passed meaningful gun reform laws in decades.”
- Ⓒ “Today’s teens have grown up in a world reshaped by school shootings.”
- Ⓓ “Some states have taken steps to loosen gun restrictions.”

3. What is the author’s purpose in the article’s opening paragraphs?

- Ⓐ to explain how the student movement began
- Ⓑ to demonstrate why Alex Wind and his classmates are passionate about gun control
- Ⓒ to show that the Parkland students have been directly affected by gun violence
- Ⓓ all of the above

4. What does *impassioned* mean in this sentence? “Parkland senior Emma González . . . became an overnight celebrity after her impassioned speech about guns went viral.”

- Ⓐ heartfelt Ⓒ long
- Ⓑ unemotional Ⓓ troubling

5. Which best describes the structure of the section “A National Movement”?

- Ⓐ cause and effect Ⓒ compare/contrast
- Ⓑ chronological Ⓓ problem/solution

6. Which statement best supports the claim that the Parkland students are facing “an uphill battle”?

- Ⓐ “Some retailers have also taken steps to limit the sale of firearms.”
- Ⓑ “Americans are so divided on the issue.”
- Ⓒ “Many students say their activism is helping them grieve.”
- Ⓓ “Unlike previous generations, young people today have spent years practicing active-shooter drills.”

7. Which of these statements is an opinion?

- Ⓐ Democrats and people in cities tend to favor tighter gun restrictions.
- Ⓑ A mass shooting took place at Columbine High School in 1999.
- Ⓒ The more people who carry weapons, the more likely it is that someone will use one to kill.
- Ⓓ Some lawmakers have suggested that teachers be armed as a way to deter school shooters.

8. What is the main purpose of the map on p. 6?

- Ⓐ to encourage readers to learn more about guns
- Ⓑ to show the importance of background checks
- Ⓒ to point out that Texas and Colorado do not ban assault weapons
- Ⓓ to highlight how gun laws vary by state

9. In the section “Tragedy Into Action,” the quote from Caroline Kassir suggests that she is _____.

- Ⓐ angry Ⓒ disappointed
- Ⓑ hopeful Ⓓ fearful

10. Which of the following statements *cannot* be supported by information in the article?

- Ⓐ The debate over guns is likely to continue.
- Ⓑ Florida lawmakers will soon vote to ban assault weapons.
- Ⓒ The controversy surrounding guns makes it difficult to gather support for new legislation.
- Ⓓ Parkland students are determined to have their voices heard.