

Current Events Comprehension Questions: College Readiness Standards—Reading

Main Ideas, Author’s Approach, and Supporting Details

Who discussed the recent violence issue in Washington, D.C. with his advisors?

What will Huberman’s new mentor program for at-risk students provide?

Where is the nation’s third-largest school system?

When was youth violence at its peak?

Why did President Obama send two Cabinet officers to Chicago?

How does Porch think adults can improve conditions?

Sequential, Comparative, and Cause-Effect Relationships

For each event listed below, identify the **Cause** of that event, choosing from the list in the bank below.

- A. *The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a challenge against Chicago’s gun ban law.*
- B. *Derrion Albert was beaten to death.*
- C. *There was a bad stretch of youth violence and shootings last winter.*

1. President Obama dispatched the Attorney General and Education Secretary to Chicago.

Cause: _____

2. Police Superintendent Jody Weis increased curfew enforcement and assigned more officers to the Mobile Strike Force.

Cause: _____

3. Weis said a ruling against the city’s gun ban will make policing more difficult.

Cause: _____

Meanings of Words

Using context clues, define each of the words below as best as you can. The words appear here in the order they occur in the article.

Perilous

Stem (verb)

Melee

Curbing

Generalizations and Conclusions

How would getting parents involved help keep kids in Chicago safe?