

Current Events Comprehension Questions: College Readiness Standards—Reading

Main Ideas, Author’s Approach, and Supporting Details

<p>Who created an ad that targeted Giffords’ district using symbols that looked like gun crosshairs?</p> <p>What national issue was the focus of Gifford’s meeting in 2009 when someone left behind a gun?</p> <p>Where did the shooting of Congresswoman Giffords and others take place? (Be specific)</p> <p>When was the question of stricter gun laws first posed?</p> <p>Why does Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver say a shooting like this one took place?</p> <p>How many Americans are against banning handguns, according to a recent poll?</p>

Sequential, Comparative, and Cause-Effect Relationships

This article focuses on the question of blame in the Tucson, Arizona shooting. In other terms, this is a question of determining cause and effect. Below, list the possible causes of the shooting that are mentioned in the article, including a relevant excerpt from the article.

Possible Cause	Excerpt
<p><i>Example: The shooter may have been mentally unstable.</i></p>	<p><i>The article mentions that “there’s been broad support to keep guns out of the hands of mentally ill people.”</i></p>

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.

Irrelevant

Inflammatory

Animosity

Rhetoric

Generalizations and Conclusions

Summarize: What are the gun laws in Arizona?

Your opinion: The article states that most “Americans overwhelmingly see gun ownership as a constitutional right, and express doubt that the availability of guns is the primary cause of gun violence.” What do you think? Explain in 4-5 sentences.