

# **MOVIE GUIDE FOR BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE**

1. Michael Moore opens a bank account so that he can get what item instead of interest?
2. Where did Michael Moore grow up?
3. Charlton Heston is president of what organization?
4. Who are Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols?
5. Why does the man from the Michigan militia say you must carry a gun?
6. James Nichols was arrested in connection with what bombing?
7. James Nichols says, "I use the pen, because the pen is mightier than the sword. But you always have to keep the sword handy for when the pen fails." What does this statement mean?
8. Does James Nichols believe that nuclear weapons should be restricted? Does he contradict himself?
9. Describe the Littleton community.

10. The security expert in Littleton talks with Michael Moore about security in houses. What is a safe room? Why would you want one?
11. This security man gets emotional and says that Columbine "did" something. What did Columbine do?
12. What does Lockheed mean by "We are Columbine"?
13. Why did Lockheed donate \$100,000 toward anger-management programs?
14. What happened in Kosovo on April 20, 1999? What happened one hour later?
15. What organization held a major rally in Denver 10 days after the shooting?
16. How did Matt Stone and Trey Parker choose to respond to life in Littleton?
17. What were some of the responses from schools nationwide to the tragedy at Columbine?
18. Who were some of the people/things blamed for the tragedy at Columbine?
19. How does Marilyn Manson respond to allegations that he is to blame? Who does he imply was influential?
20. What class were the boys enrolled in the morning before they killed at Columbine?
21. What other countries besides ours have violent pasts?
22. When was the Colt revolver created?
23. When was the NRA founded?
24. What does the news media want people to feel?

25. How many kids have been killed by Halloween candy? Was it on purpose?
26. Who is the most common suspect on television?
27. Who most often gets in trouble for gun possession—kids in the city or kids in the suburbs?
28. Who conditions people in the United States to believe that their communities are dangerous?
29. What does the former TV producer of *Cops* say sells in the media?
30. How many gun murders were there in Sarnia, Canada, in the past three years? How many in Windsor?
31. What are some misconceptions about Canada? What is the truth?
32. Does Canada have guns? In 2001, could they get guns/ ammunition easily? Explain.
33. How is Canadian TV news different from TV news in the United States?
34. How is the health care system in Canada different from health care in the United States?
35. How long did it take the news crews to show up in Flint, Michigan, to cover the youngest school shooting?
36. How did the Welfare to Work program impact Tamarla Owens, the mother of the boy who shot the little girl, Kayla?
37. How did people capitalize on September 11<sup>th</sup>?

38. What does Michael Moore take Richard and Mark to do at K-Mart headquarters?
39. What do Mark, Richard and Michael convince K-Mart to do about selling ammunition in their stores?
40. Whom does Michael Moore visit at his house in Hollywood? What is the outcome of their discussion?
41. What did you learn from the film?
42. What are some of the questions this film poses?
43. After watching this film, what else do you want to know?