

The Columbine School Shooting Investigation Project:

As presented in *Bowling for Columbine*, award winning documentary by Michael Moore

Requirements: 4 pages, typed, double-spaced, font 12, with a title and a work cited page

Using cause and effect and persuasion as your main modes of writing, examine the Columbine school tragedy in great details analyzing various major and minor causes:

Major Causes:

Lack of Gun Control/ the role of the NRA/Kmart selling handgun bullets

Lack of parental involvement

Lack of psychological services for emotionally disturbed teens

Minor causes:

Unregulated access to the internet: the anarchist cookbook, bomb making websites

Media: South Park, violence on TV and movies creating a culture of fear and consumption

Music: Marilyn Manson and his music

Emotional foundation: Lack of prayer in schools

Mental illness: depression, suicidal tendencies, being bullied in school, anger

Government influence: Columbine occurred on the worst day of US bombing in Kosovo

Bowling: this was the killers' last activity before the massacre

Proximity to Lockheed Martin: the weapons maker is located in Littleton, CO

A military lifestyle: the parent of one of the killers was an officer in the Armed Forces

Drugs: the teens had access to drugs due to their financial freedom

Small town living: the boredom and or restriction of life in Littleton