

Lessons From Guns and a Goose

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1. What horrifies the writer?
2. Explain the conflict of centrist Americans.
3. Who is the audience for the anecdote of the goose story? Why?*
4. Is the writer opposed to gun ownership? Explain about his background.
5. What did the sheep owner use to make his point against the goose owner?
6. Why was the sheep owner able to threaten beyond a mere argument?
7. How did the goose owner respond? Were they both law-abiding citizens?
8. If the sheep-owner's wife had not interceded, what could have happened?
9. What is the premise or main idea of this essay?

(Examples)

10. What can happen in a lover's quarrel?
11. In a household with a gun, how much more likely will a friend or family member be killed than an intruder?
12. How much more likely will a homicide occur?
13. How does the Nancy Lanza example support the writer's thesis?
14. How many violent gun deaths have occurred since Sandy Hook?
15. How many gun homicides occur each year? How many gun suicides?

Explain how the analogy of the reduction of auto deaths relates to gun regulation. In other words, what is the author implying by comparing auto regulation to guns? What will occur in a short while? Were traffic deaths a major problem years ago? Write a paragraph of seven sentences or more and use two examples from above.