

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

## Text-to-World Connections



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book/Text: Give a Boy a Gun

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After reading a book or piece of text, compare how the book is similar and different to the world around you by using the questions in the chart.

In the book	In the world
<p>Discuss what is happening in the book you are reading.</p> <p><i>Give a Boy a Gun is the story of two boys, Brendan and Gary, who hold over 500 students and teachers hostage in the school gym. It is told from the perspectives of people who were in the gym or who knew the two boys. On each page there are facts about guns and school violence.</i></p>	<p>What does this remind me of in the real world?</p> <p><i>This story reminds me of the Columbine tragedy that happened in Colorado. Brendan and Gary remind me of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. They held students and teachers in the cafeteria much the same way as the book.</i></p>
<p><i>Brendan and Gary were picked on by the jocks because they dressed differently and listened to different music. They were just different from other students. Most of the student body and teachers treated them like aliens.</i></p> <p><i>Brendan and Gary stole weapons from their parents and made some weapons of their own. They found ways to make bombs on the Internet.</i></p>	<p>What is this similar to things that happen in the real world?</p> <p><i>One theory of the Columbine tragedy was that Eric and Dylan were picked on by other students and the teachers did nothing to stop it.</i></p> <p><i>Eric and Dylan also stole weapons from their parents and made their own homemade bombs.</i></p>
<p><i>In the book, Gary kills himself while Brendan is beaten by the other students.</i></p>	<p>How is this different from things that happen in the real world?</p> <p><i>In real life, Eric and Dylan killed themselves before they could be caught.</i></p>