

Overview: Over the past thirty years the number of mass shootings has radically increased. Despite the increased number of shootings, there have not been many policies enacted that work to prevent mass shootings. The reason for this is because the causes of mass shootings are complex. There is no single fix that will prevent all mass shootings.

Prompt: Consider the following statement: ***There are preventative measures that can be taken to stop mass shootings.***

Defend- Yes, there are actions that can be done to prevent mass shootings

Challenge- No, there are not actions that can be done to prevent mass shootings

Qualify- Explain when or why or under what conditions actions may or may not prevent mass shootings

Format: You will compose a six paragraph essay. Each body paragraph will be no less than nine sentences.

- **Introduction:**
 - Attention Getter
 - Background and context
 - Thesis (Colleges and universities should/should not offer student-athletes more supports)
- **Body Paragraphs (paragraphs 2,3,4):**
 - Claim- because statement encouraged (show where the paragraph will go)
 - Background, context, importance of the issue, your personal thoughts on the issue
 - Evidence (specific passage from the texts we read)
 - Reasoning
- **Counterclaim Paragraph (paragraph 5)**
 - Counterclaim (you might want to restate your main argument then lead into your counterclaim)
 - Main point of the counterclaim and the rebuttal
 - Why the counterclaim is not the best option
 - Why your original main argument is the best option
- **Conclusion Paragraph 6**
 - Restate your thesis
 - Summarize your main points and the importance of them
 - Offer a suggestion or thought about the issue moving forward

Paragraphs: Compose your body paragraphs paragraphs in the boxes below

Thesis Statement:

Paragraph #1- Mental Health

Paragraph #2- Media

Paragraph #3- You select the lens you are going to look through

Counterclaim Paragraph