

### Introduction Exemplar for Extension Task

Each year in America, guns vanquish life. Guns break people's hearts and tear apart communities; they destroy innocence. Three years ago, at a time when they should've been anxiously waiting for Santa Claus to visit, 20 children were murdered. When they should've been writing their Christmas list, their little lights were snuffed out. When families should've been talking of turkey and ham, they were grieving an unspeakable tragedy. Adam Lanza, a disturbed youth with access to firearms, committed one of the most horrific crimes in American history and rekindled a fierce debate that provokes one question: at what point will this nation take a serious look at its firearm policies? How many more tragedies must Americans endure before sensible reforms can be made?