

GUNS IN USA

- A gun
- A firearm
- A rifle : un fusil
- Assault weapons : *armes d'assaut*
- A mass shooting : *tuerie de masse*
- To go on a rampage: *faire un massacre*
- A shooting range : *un stand de tir* (pas à la fête foraine !)
- An arms dealer : *une armurerie*
- A repeat offender: *un récidiviste*
- To be convicted of murder: *être condamné pour meurtre*
- A convict: *un condamné*
- To be on death row: *être dans les couloirs de la mort*

- Gun control
- A ban on sth : *une interdiction de*
- A background check : *vérification des antécédents (psychiatriques, judiciaires)*
- To monitor/watch : *surveiller*
- To keep tabs on sb: *surveiller*
- Surveillance
- To be electronically tagged: *être sous bracelet électronique*
- Violence begets violence: *la violence engendre la violence*

- The Second Amendment to the American constitution guarantees the freedom to bear an arm and to create a militia
 - Dates back to the colonial period (the wilderness, the farwest, no justice system) when people had to defend themselves and their belongings
 - Dates back to the War of Independence in which those who wanted to break away from the British Crown had to organize militia to resist the Red Coats (the loyal British army)
- To take the law into one's own hands: *se faire justice soi-même*
- To get revenge on sb for sth: *se venger*
- To retaliate: *répliquer* (plus pour un Etat, police, un groupe...)
- Retaliation: *les représailles* (origin of the world: Talion as in *lex Talionis*, la Loi du Talion)
- “an eye for an eye, (a tooth for a tooth)”: *la loi du Talion*
- The NRA National Rifle Association is the US gun lobby. It is extremely powerful. A staunch defender of the Second amendment. When it was under fire after a number of particularly atrocious mass killings, it coined the following mottos: “The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun”