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**U.S. student walkout to protest gun violence – 17th March, 2018**

## **Level 0**

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Students in the USA protested against gun violence on Wednesday. They walked out of their schools. This was a month after 17 students were killed in Florida. At the school where that tragedy happened, students stood for 17 minutes for their dead friends. One student said: "The walkout was for those who will never be here again, [and] for those who might be next." Another student said: "I came...because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

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## **Level 2**

Students in the USA took part in a protest against gun violence on Wednesday by walking out of their schools. Their protest was a month after the February 14 Florida shooting in which 17 students lost their lives. At the high school where last month's tragedy took place, students gathered for 17 minutes to remember their friends. One student said: "The walkout was for those who will never be here again, [and] for those who might be next." Another student said: "I came...because of what happened in Florida, [and] because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

In Washington DC, hundreds of students gathered outside the White House. They sat with their backs to the building for 17 minutes. They chanted against the powerful gun group the National Rifle Association (NRA). A U.S. senator spoke at a rally outside the Capitol building. She said: "The NRA has held Congress hostage for years now. These young people have shown up to free us. I believe the young people will lead us." Many students wanted to remind President Trump that they would be old enough to vote in the 2020 elections, so he should listen to them now.

## **Level 3**

Students in the USA took part in a protest on Wednesday. Tens of thousands of high-schoolers walked out of their schools to protest against gun violence. They chose March 14 for their protest as that marks a month since the February 14 Florida shooting in which 17 students lost their lives. At Stoneman Douglas High School, where last month's tragedy took place, students gathered on the football field for 17 minutes to remember their lost classmates. One student said: "The walkout was for those who will never be here again, but we're fighting for those who might be next." Another student said: "I came out because of what happened in Florida, but also because of what happens in my neighborhood every day."

In the U.S. capital, Washington DC, hundreds of students gathered outside the White House to protest. They sat with their backs turned to the building for 17 minutes. They then took part in chants against the powerful gun group the National Rifle Association (NRA). U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren joined the crowds and spoke at a rally outside the Capitol building. She said: "The NRA has held Congress hostage for years now. These young people have shown up to free us. I believe the young people will lead us." Many of the students in the crowd wanted to remind President Donald Trump that they would be old enough to vote in the 2020 elections, so he should listen to them now.