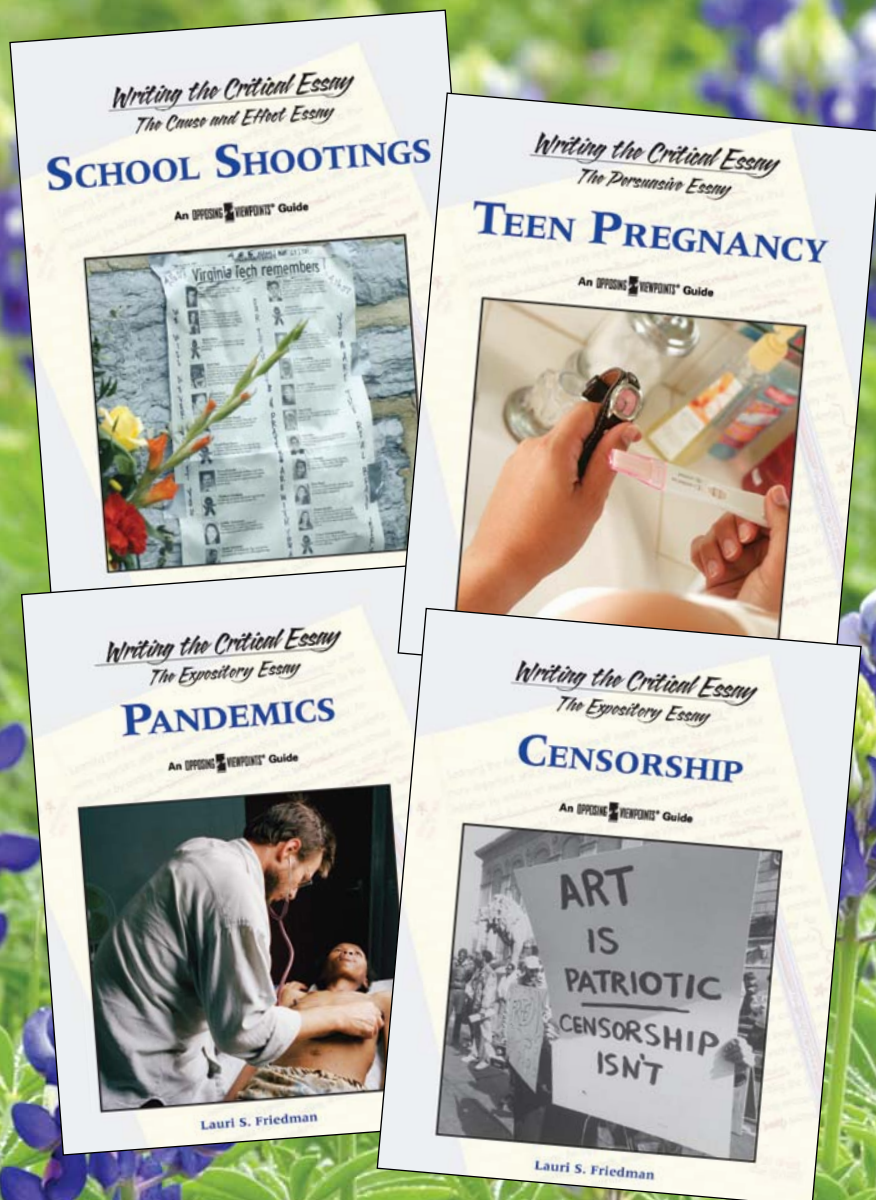


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In a more perfect world, we men might be willing to age gracefully and hang up—well, whatever it is we hang up, say, spurs—and retire from certain pleasures of the flesh. When that happens, though, men will be too distracted to care. We'll be busy watching pigs fly.

Lim Gook Kien, "No Bats, No Dumplings," *Nature Watch*, Vol. 6 No. 2 Apr–Jun 98.

Replacing Hunted Animals with Pharmaceuticals

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Pharmaceuticals Can Replace Natural Medicines

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