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Period _____ Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2011

College Prep Reading/Writing

EXIT: Answer each of the following questions below using complete sentences.

1. What is your reaction to the violence and subsequent death of Derrion Albert being caught on camera?

What do you think about violent acts that go viral?

How has this issue affected Chicago?

2. What is your opinion of CeaseFire?

3. Think about a time you witnessed a violent act or heard about one. Do you think the Interrupters could have helped the situation? Why or why not, and how?

4. What student from the film did you feel most connected to and why?

5. Which Interrupter was the most memorable to you and why?

6. Much of the violence in the film is caused by people seeking revenge or wanting to retaliate against another act of violence. Why are revenge and retaliation motivators for crime?

7. What do you do to stay away from violence in your neighborhood, community, friend-group or school? What are positive things that a person can participate in to stay away from harmful environments?

8. Do you think youth with violent backgrounds or homes are able to turn their life around? Talk about Ameena Matthews and her background, motivation and role as an Interrupter.

9. *The Interrupters* tells stories from numerous communities and neighborhoods in Chicago. Why do you think Chicago has such an issue with violence? Research violence in Chicago and talk about why it has peaked or dropped.

10. How can you help your own community or neighborhood interrupt violence? What resources are available to you to make a positive impact?