I will be researching the M1911 Colt 45. Pistol. I want to discover if it truly is the most
dominant pistol of the 20th century. In order to do this, I will go through the history of its
development, some of its rivals, what users have to say about it, the history of its use in many
great American battles, and how it is used often in the broader American pop culture. I will
write about the pistol’s invention, manufacturing, and adoption by the U.S. Military. I will write
how long it served as the American soldier’s side arm. I will go through the story of Corporal
Alvin York, probably the most famous soldier of World War 1. I will discuss how this weapon
most likely kept him alive, and how it also is most likely responsible for his celebrity. I will use
Chris Kyle’s book “American Gun: A History of the U.S. in Ten Firearms” to note on how, he, and
other Special Operators, felt about the gun. I will go through numerous movies and video
games and show where and how often it is used in pop culture. Finally, I will quote many
current users of the gun, and what they think about it.