

I will be researching the M1911 Colt 45. Pistol. I want to discover if it truly is the most dominant pistol of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.