Chapter 28, Section 3
PRIMARY SOURCE

Unsafe at Any Speed

1. Through their research, students may find that according to the National Safety Council there were 42,700 highway fatalities in 1994 and 43,900 in 1995. They may conclude that in 30 years the situation described by Nader has somewhat improved in terms of total number of deaths annually attributed to motor vehicles.

2. Through research, students will find that Nader's testimony before Congress in 1966 persuaded lawmakers to pass the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. They may infer that Nader's insistence on establishing automobile safety standards in the 1960s is indirectly responsible for safety features in cars today such as airbags, running lights, and antilock brakes.