

Introduction to the Mafia



STEP 1

- Get out one piece of paper.
- Put your name, date, and period number on the top right corner.
- Label it “Introduction to the Mafia”

STEP 2

- Left hand label #1 – “ Film Clip Analysis”.
- Directions: Watch the film clips and write down 5 observations about things you noticed about mafia life across all film clips.

Step 3

- As a team answer the following questions:

Basic Questions

1. What is organized crime? How is organized crime different from regular crime?
2. What is a mafia/a mob? Name some famous mafias in the world?
3. What crimes do they commit? Name 3.
4. Is there a mafia in this city? Who is it?
5. Why would someone join the mafia?
6. Name 3 popular movies that deal with the mob

Step 4

- As a team define the following words:
 1. to wack (someone)
 2. a front (as in a business front)
 3. turf
 4. to put a hit on someone
 5. to extort (teach the noun as well)
 6. to shake down
 7. to racketeer (teach the noun as well)
 - 8
 - a. a mob boss
 - b. an underboss
 - c. a captain
 - d. a soldier
 - e. a crew
 9. a made man (a wiseguy)

STEP 5

- As a team write a scenario (fictional story) and use the terms you just defined.
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STEP 6

- Take your individual papers and put them aside.
- As a team get out one piece of paper and put everyone's name in the top right hand corner.
- Put your group number on the top of the paper in the center.

STEP 7

- As a team you will now create your own mafia. On that team piece of paper write the following questions down and answer them.
1. What's the name of your mob/mafia?
 2. What kinds of organized crime are you involved in/commit?
 3. Where is your turf located? (It can be anywhere)
 4. How do you become a made man/wiseguy in your mob?
 5. Who's the mob boss? Underboss?
 6. What is your front?
 7. How many soldiers do you have?
 8. How many captains and how large are their crews?
 9. Do you have any current hits on anyone?
 10. Have any of your members wacked someone or been wacked recently?