



1920's Gangs & Organized Crime

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Organized Crime

- The 1920's was a time of great criminal activity due to the prohibition laws in America and the world being in an economic depression.
- Organized criminal thrived, most common people looked upon these organizations as heroes.
- Criminals like Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde and John Dillinger.
- Jobs were scarce and people need to provide for their families, gangsterism was dangerous, but provided an easy way to make money.



Gangsters and Gangs

The formation of gangster and gangs provided and an excuse and the means of making money through the manipulation.

Some important gangsters and gangs from 1920's:

-Al "Scar Face" Capone

-Barrow Gang

-Dutch Schultz

-Charles "Lucky" Luciano

-Bonnie and Clyde

-Chicago Outfit Gang

Gangsters: Al “Scar Face” Capone

- Al Capone was the most notorious gangster in history.
- Nicknamed for his scars on his cheeks
- He was in a bootlegging ring. He had law enforcement on his side throughout his reign with the Chicago Outfit.
- He was known for being heartless, who stole and murdered, but to some he was like Robinhood, because he donated stolen money to charities.



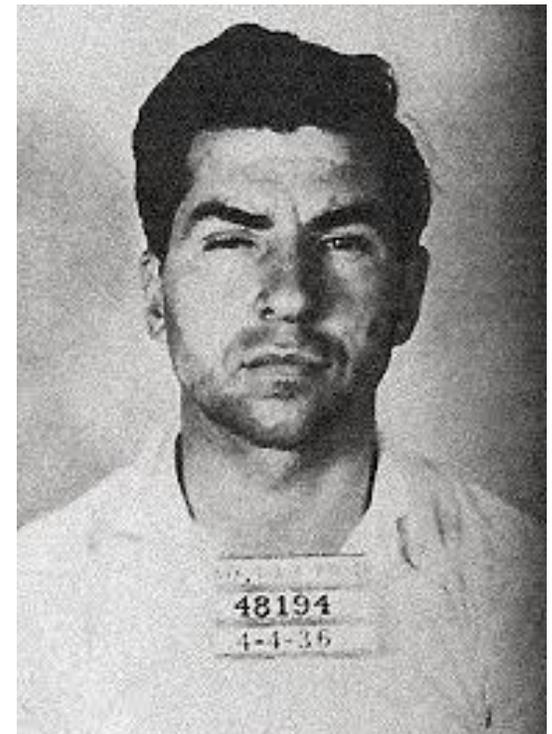
Gangsters: Dutch Schultz

- He was born in New York.
- His original name was Arthur flegenheimer.
- Giving the name Dutch Schultz after he committed his first crime at 17 years old.
- Made his money in organized crime such as bootlegging.
- He tortured men who refused to buy his beer



Gangsters: Charles “Lucky” Luciano

- He was born in Sicily.
- He is credited with being the mobster that organized the Mafia in NY.
- He grew up to become one of the “Big Six” bootleggers and was heavily involved.
- He gained the name Lucky, because he was kidnapped by a rival gang, beaten and stabbed, than left to die, but still lived.



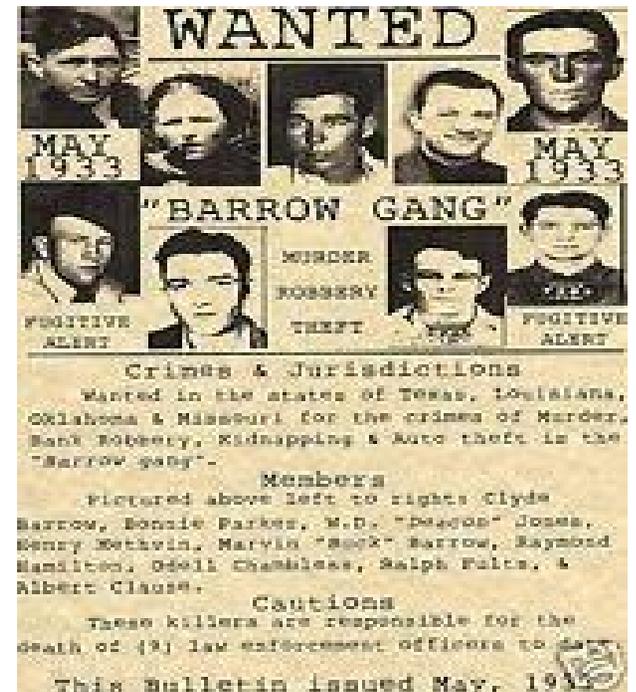
Gangsters: Bonnie and Clyde

- Bonnie and Clyde were criminals who traveled central United States causing mayhem.
- They were recognized as 'public enemies'.
- The most wanted crime figured of 1930s.
- They were guilty for murdering, kidnapping, and robbing banks.



Gangs: Barrow Gang

- The Barrow Gang was an American criminal organization.
- They were well known outlaws, robbers, and criminals who traveled around the United States.
- The gang was best known for two of its members, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow.
- Clyde was the main leader.
- Other member included Clyde's brother and his wife. W.D. Jones, Henry Methvin, Raymond Hamilton, and Joe Palmer were also members.



Gangs: The Chicago Outfit

- It was the largest criminally organized group in the Midwest.
- It was under the control of Johnny Torrio and Al Capone.
- The Outfit was involved in a wide range of criminal activities.



The Mafia

- The Mafia made its mark on the United States after the Prohibition began.
- The American branch of the mafia was named “La Cosa Nostra”.
- The American Mafia provided illegal alcohol for sell, because of the probation laws.
- The Mafia followed their own authority and rules. Once you joined the Mafia you were committed for life.



The St. Valentine's Day Massacre

- Was an ordered assassination of seven men from another gang by Al Capone.
- It is known as one of the bloodiest days in mob history.
- Al Capone's men dressed up as police officers and lined up members of the Moran gang against a wall and gunned them down.
- Al Capone got away with the crime.



Videos



5 Main Points

1. The Prohibition was the ban on the production and sale of alcohol.
 2. Gangsters were mobsters and 'bootleggers' who profited from the illegal sale of liquor.
 3. The names of famous Prohibition Gangsters included Charles "Lucky" Luciano, Al "Scarface" Capone, George "Bugs" Moran, and Dutch Schultz.
 4. Al "Scarface" Capone was one of America's best known gangsters.
 5. The American Mafia was known as La Casa Nostra.
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