

Mae and "Sonny" Capone



Capone in Chicago

- ▶ After being called for by Torrio, Capone left New York to go to Chicago. He found running a booming business in gambling and prostitution.
- ▶ However, with the sale of alcohol being banned, Torrio on a new business: bootlegging.
- ▶ Capone had brought over both his street smarts and his experience with numbers to help Torrio in Chicago. Torrio noticed his gift and promoted him to partner.

A New Boss in Town

- ▶ Time passed and Torrio passed down his entire business to Capone after an attempt on his life and deciding to retire.
- ▶ Unlike his mentor, Capone liked being in the public eye. He moved his base of operations to a more public location and made sure to be seen attending events. Soon enough, he caught the eye of the press.
- ▶ Al Capone became Chicago's crime czar and expanded his territory by gunning down his rivals. This made him enemies of many rival mobs such as "Bugs" Moran.

Bugs Moran

- ▶ Bugs Moran was a rival of Capone and his business. The feud between the two began when a few of Capone's men killed Bugs' friend and mentor.
- ▶ Ever since, the two mobsters kept trying to ruin one another constantly.
- ▶ Their feud is what led to one of the bloodiest days in mob history, the St. Valentine Massacre.

The St. Valentine Day Massacre

- ▶ The St. Valentine Massacre happened on February 14, 1924. Seven men lost their lives that day.
- ▶ Capone had gotten word that Bugs would show up to pick up a shipment of alcohol. He sent four of his men, two dressed as policemen, to take Bugs down.
- ▶ The men waited outside the appointed area until they saw a man who looked like Bugs enter the facility the alcohol was in.