

Al Capone



Capone's Youth

- ▶ Alphonse Gabriel Capone was born to an Italian immigrant family on January 17, 1899 in Brooklyn, New York.
- ▶ His family was normal and obeyed the law. There were few to none indications in his youth of his future in the world of crime.
- ▶ It's believed that it was Capone's schooling that helped him become the mobster he once was.
- ▶ He left school in the sixth grade for hitting a female teacher and never received any further schooling.

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- ▶ After dropping out from school, the young Al met Johnny Torrio. Torrio would prove to be the biggest influence on Al Capone's life.
- ▶ Johnny Torrio represented the transformation of a violent criminal enterprise into a corporate empire.
- ▶ Torrio became Capone's friend and mentor. Capone later joined his gang in New York.
- ▶ Torrio eventually left New York for Chicago to run a business on that end and later sent for Capone in the year 1920.

Johnny Torrio



Mae Capone

- ▶ During the time Torrio was gone from New York, Capone met Mae Coughlin. Mae was an Irish girl he would later marry in 1918..
- ▶ He settled down as a bookkeeper after but soon returned to work for Johnny Torrio following the sudden death of his father.
- ▶ Mae and Al had only one son together. His name was Albert Francis Capone, nicknamed “Sonny”, and remained together until Capone’s death.