

Bootlegger Bust Answer Key

Students must demonstrate:

- Correct identification of a Prohibition-era figure
- Accurate association with crime such as bootlegging, speakeasies, smuggling, gang activity, or bribery
- Connection to a specific location (e.g., Chicago, Cincinnati, New York)
- Explanation of how Prohibition created illegal opportunities for their power and influence
- Alias should be historically accurate or student-created but appropriate

Examples of correct content may include:

- **Al Capone:** Chicago, illegal alcohol sales, gang violence, bribery, "Scarface"
- **George Remus:** Cincinnati, legal loopholes, bootlegging empire
- **Bonnie & Clyde:** Midwest, robberies linked to outlaw culture of era
- **Dutch Schultz:** New York, bootlegging, turf wars
- **Lucky Luciano:** New York, organized crime expansion
- **Machine Gun Kelly:** Bootlegging, kidnapping crimes

Teacher's Guide

Before the Activity

- Briefly introduce each figure with 2-3 factual bullet points
- Show an example of a historical wanted poster
- Review terms: bootlegger, speakeasy, organized crime

Differentiation Tips

- Offer a word bank of cities, crimes, and aliases
- Provide printed mini-biographies for students needing more support
- Allow oral brainstorming before independent writing

Engagement Strategy

- Display posters in a "Detective Gallery Walk" around the classroom