

## Chapter 1: History of Gangs in the United States

### Test Bank

#### Multiple Choice

1. Which of the following is the name of the first New York City area gang with a clear leadership structure?

- a. The Kerryonians
- b. Rosanna Peers
- c. Forty Thieves
- d. Bowery Boys

Ans: C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. Which of the following is NOT an example of an illicit economy, such as that which emerged in the Robert Taylor Homes (RTH) in the 1970s?

- a. babysitting
- b. drug dealing
- c. resale of stolen electronics
- d. prostitution

Ans: A

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Medium

3. \_\_\_\_\_ describes the political process that was formalized by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and mandated that Mexicans living in the Southwest become naturalized U.S. citizens.

- a. Secession
- b. Immigration
- c. Annexation
- d. Colonization

Ans: C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

4. The intensive bonding to “barrios” among Latin Americans is distinctive to the \_\_\_\_\_ region of the United States.

- a. northeastern
- b. southern
- c. western
- d. midwestern

Ans: C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Easy

5. The Zoot Suit Riots reflect the \_\_\_\_\_ of Blacks and Latinos in the 1940s.

- a. liberation
- b. employment
- c. imprisonment
- d. stigmatization

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

6. Which of the following is NOT an example of institutional inequality that was experienced by Blacks moving to Los Angeles from the South in the 1920s?

- a. dilapidated housing
- b. low wages
- c. restrictive housing covenants
- d. access to health insurance

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

7. According to the authors, which of the following experiences was a leading factor in the formation and growth of gangs among Blacks in Los Angeles in **both** the 1940s and 1970s?

- a. residential segregation
- b. police brutality
- c. racially based violence
- d. unemployment

Ans: C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

8. In Los Angeles, \_\_\_\_\_ gangs have seemed to attract the most attention among Asian gangs for their unique structure and activity.

- a. Cambodian
- b. Vietnamese
- c. Filipino
- d. Chinese

Ans: B

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Easy

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for most drastically increasing the number and diversity of new immigrants entering the United States since the 19th century.

- a. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- b. Second World War
- c. National Quota System
- d. Immigration and Nationality Act

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Another Wave of Immigrant Groups

Difficulty Level: Medium

10. Which of the following is NOT an example of “defensive localism?”

- a. patrols of neighborhoods
- b. the organization of a Saturday afternoon baseball game
- c. gang initiation
- d. issuing loans to residents

Ans: C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

11. All of the following are examples of stages in the “cycle of violence” that typifies much gang behavior EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. members having loose bonds to the gang
- b. the recognition of threat from someone within the gang
- c. the occurrence of a mobilizing event
- d. the gang becoming more alert and cohesive

Ans: B

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs  
Difficulty Level: Hard

12. \_\_\_\_\_ implies that gang members have different standards of conduct than non-gang members, which are often displayed during “cycles of violence.”

- a. Mutual acceptance
- b. Assimilation
- c. The Zoot Suit Riots
- d. The code of the streets

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

13. Of the 19% of inmates classified as gang members in a 2009 Directors of Security survey, the proportion of inmates who were part of a gang before coming to prison was \_\_\_\_\_ the proportion of those who joined gangs after entering prison.

- a. 50% less than
- b. 25% more than
- c. 25 % less than
- d. equal to

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

14. Which of the following is NOT an example of a “threat to law enforcement” as delineated by the Texas Fusion Center’s assessment matrix of prison gang threat?

- a. impersonating an officer
- b. fleeing from arrest
- c. violence toward officers
- d. resisting arrest

Ans: A

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

15. Prison gang prevalence is greater in states with higher levels of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. street gang activity
- b. law enforcement
- c. democratic state representatives
- d. poverty

Ans: A

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

16. Which of the following is NOT an example of a “macrostructural” process that contributed to the formation of gangs in the West and Midwest?

- a. permissive immigration policies
- b. racism
- c. public housing
- d. barrio living

Ans: B

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Concluding Observations

Difficulty Level: Medium

17. In what time period was the prevalence of gangs the highest?

- a. 1860s
- b. 1920s
- c. 1970s
- d. 1990s

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Concluding Observations

Difficulty Level: Medium

18. The current relationship between street gangs and prison gangs is \_\_\_\_\_ than at prior points in history.

- a. much weaker
- b. a little weaker
- c. the same
- d. stronger

Ans: D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

### Multiple Response

1. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Which of the following were true of Thrasher's “interstitial areas” in Chicago?

- a. They were located in commercial zones.

- b. They were characterized by social disorganization.
- c. They were located outside residential zones.
- d. They were populated mostly by Blacks.

Ans: B | C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Medium

2. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Which of the following historical events are examples of the racial unrest between Blacks and Whites that in part led to development and expansion of Black gangs?

- a. the Great Migration
- b. the Civil War
- c. the Sleepy Lagoon murder
- d. the zoot suit riots

Ans: A | B

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Medium

3. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Which of the following regions does not experience a pronounced presence of transnational gangs?

- a. Northeast
- b. South
- c. West
- d. Midwest

Ans: A | D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region | The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

4. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. In what Southern cities did gang-related homicides make up 20% of all homicides between 1996 and 2009?

- a. New Orleans
- b. Houston
- c. Atlanta
- d. San Antonio

Ans: B | C

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the South

Difficulty Level: Easy

5. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. The following are examples of policies or programs that have contributed to the proliferation of prison gangs in the United States:

- a. anti-gambling legislation
- b. Mayor Daley's 1969 Gang War
- c. Three Strikes and You're Out Law
- d. indeterminate sentencing

Ans: B | C | D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

6. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. \_\_\_\_\_ is a name for the "organizational networks both inside and outside of prison that linked inmates with others in jails and on the streets in illegal enterprises."

- a. webs
- b. gang dyads
- c. supergangs
- d. gang nations

Ans: A | C | D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

7. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Examples of "macrohistorical" processes that contributed to the formation of Black and Mexican-American gangs include \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. slavery
- b. immigration
- c. acculturation
- d. restrictive real estate covenants

Ans: A | D

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Concluding Observations

Difficulty Level: Easy

### **True/False**

1. The largest minority group in New York City in the late 1990s was Latinos.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. New York City is the epicenter of gang activity in the United States today.

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Thrasher found gangs in Chicago developed outside of “interstitial areas.”

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the Midwest

Difficulty Level: Medium

4. Since the mid-1990s, the West is home to the highest proportion of “chronic” gang problem cities.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. The Mexican community’s reaction to the Sleepy Lagoon Murder of 1942 reflected acceptance of the suspects’ conviction and sentencing outcomes.

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

6. Black gangs in Los Angeles emerged due to historical events like the War on Poverty and the Vietnam War.

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

7. The diffusion of the Bloods’ and Crips’ gang culture extends beyond the Western region.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium



8. Designated as an “early warning” location for gang violence in California, San Francisco, is more likely than other cities to lead the development and dissemination of gang-related law enforcement intelligence.

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the West Region

Difficulty Level: Medium

9. Gangs first developed in the South more than a half a century later than they did in the Midwest.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the South

Difficulty Level: Medium

10. A given racial/ethnic group's degree of success in assimilating into American culture is inversely related to that group's level of gang activity over time.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Hard

11. Treating gang members as family members in Mexican American gang members is an example of extending barrio boundaries.

Ans: F

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

### **Short Answer**

1. Why were gangs slowest to develop in the southern region of the United States, relative to other regions?

Ans: Gangs were slowest to develop in the South for six principal reasons: it did not have the same early White immigration patterns as other regions, it remained agricultural longer than other regions, racial conflict between Blacks and Whites was minimized due to the Great Migration from the region, it was deeply religious, it was largely unpopulated by Mexican immigrants, and it had fewer public parks where gang activity could transpire.

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Street Gang Emergence in the South  
Difficulty Level: Medium

2. What is the difference between a prison gang and a Security-Threat Group (STG)?

Ans: A STG is a more inclusive term for a prison gang. Unlike the term prison gang, STG is specified as having two or more inmates, and the term does not require that the group be criminally oriented, just that they pose some kind of threat to the security or organization of the prison.

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Institutionalization of Street Gangs

Difficulty Level: Medium

## Essay

1. How did immigration policies and patterns affect the formation and expansion of gangs in each of the country's four regions? Compare and contrast the implications of these distinct immigration patterns on the modern landscape of gang activity today.

Ans: Varies. Students should first define the four different regions discussed in the chapter (North, Midwest, West, and South) and then review each of the regions' periods of gang development, being mindful to link stages to immigration patterns (three for the Northeast, two for Midwest, three for West, and two for South). For each stage, the main immigrant group or groups should be discussed in historical and policy context. For example, students should mention the importance of immigration by Italians, Jews, Poles, and Irish for early gang development in the Northeast and Midwest, while Mexican immigration and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo should be highlighted when discussing the West, and the later influence of newer immigrants in the South. Students should then assess the consequences of immigration on gang development, indicating that permissive immigration policies would be expected to result in more varied gang activity as newly arriving groups struggle to assimilate, but that the degree of isolation and inequality experienced by these groups would likely influence gang formation patterns.

Learning Objective: N/A

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Throughout chapter; see especially Street Gang Emergence in the Northeast, Midwest, West Region, and South; Another Wave of Immigrant Groups

Difficulty Level: Hard