

Bastards of the Party

(2007, HBO documentary, history of Black gangs, Bloods & Crips, 1:40)

1. Where does Bone start in history to figure out where gangs began?
2. Why did Black people come to Los Angeles?
3. What factors affected how successful people of color could be in Los Angeles?
4. What charges does Mike Davis make about the LAPD?
5. What forces led to the formation of the Black gangs according to this film?
6. Once white flight took place who did the Black gangs target?
7. What forces led to a rejection of the larger society by many members of the Black community?
8. What happened in Watts in 1965?
9. What services did the Black Panther Party provide the community?
10. How did the Black Panthers organize differently than gangs?
11. What's an "armchair revolutionary?"
12. What did the FBI decide to do about the Black Panther Party?
13. What effect did the movies of the 70's, like *Superfly* have on the Black community according to the film?
14. What does it mean that the gangs are the "bastard offspring" of the political movements that came before them?
15. How did the Crips organize themselves?
16. What does CRIPS stand for?
17. What effect did the media coverage of the Crips have?
18. Where did the Bloods come from?
19. What change has happened since the 1960's and 70's to semi-skilled jobs?
20. What happened in the 1980's to change the economy for gangs?
21. In 1992 what happened with the Crips/Bloods truce?
22. What point does Bone make about language?