


## ANNEXE 4

### Fiche élève groupe B

Read both texts. Fill in Al Capone's ID card and be ready to answer your friends' questions.

AL Capone's ID card.	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Nationality	
Family origin	
Occupation	
Marriage	
Number of children	
Criminal penalty	
Date of death	

**Alphonse Capone** (1899–1947) was born in Brooklyn, New York, the son of recent Italian immigrants Gabriele and Teresina Capone. A poor family that came to America seeking a better life, the Capone's and their eight children lived a typical immigrant lifestyle in a New York tenement.

Capone's father was as a barber, and his mother was a seamstress. There was nothing in Capone's childhood or family life that could have predicted his rise to infamy as America's most notorious gangster. When Capone was 19, he married Mae Coughlin just weeks after the birth of their child, Albert Francis.

Capone spent the first two years of his incarceration in a federal prison in Atlanta. After he was caught bribing guards, however, Capone was sent to the notorious island prison Alcatraz in 1934.

He died of cardiac arrest on January 25, 1947.

## Al Capone's soup kitchen during the Great Depression, Chicago, 1931



Unemployed men outside a soup kitchen opened in Chicago by Al Capone, 1931

Al Capone started one of the first soup kitchens. The kitchen employed a few people, but fed many more. In fact, (...) "soup kitchens" like the one Al Capone founded, provided the only meals that some unemployed Americans had. Soup kitchens rose to prominence in the U.S. during the Great Depression, before WWII, in the early 20th century. One of the first and obvious benefits of a soup kitchen in the early 20th century was to provide a place where the homeless and poor could get free food and a brief rest from the struggles of surviving on the streets.

Al Capone's intentions were an effort to clean up his image. He had a bit of the Robin Hood mystique by being charitable from some of the money he made running his criminal enterprise.