

Before-reading questions

- 1** *Example answer:* It is a group (or many linked groups, or “Families”) of Italian criminals who make money from activities such as prostitution, gambling, drugs, and extorting money. Mafia activity started in Sicily in the 19th century when people in Italy stopped trusting their governments and the police to protect them.
- 2** A Godfather is the head of a Mafia Family. A godfather is a person chosen by a child’s parents to look after that child and take an interest in that child’s life and development. They may also take care of the child if anything should happen to its parents.
- 3** *Reader’s own answer.*
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- 5** *Example answer:* There were no cell phones or computers, and people used ships to travel long distances. Not many people had televisions. Many women stayed at home to bring up children and did not have paid work.

- 3** Nazorine is a baker. His daughter wants to marry a Sicilian boy, but the boy has no right to stay and live in America. Nazorine hopes Don Corleone can sort this out for him. Anthony Coppola is the son of an old friend of Don Corleone’s. He wants \$500 to open a Pizza restaurant. They ask for favors today because no Sicilian can refuse a favor on his daughter’s wedding day.
- 4** Tom Hagen was adopted by the Corleone family. Don Corleone sent him to law school and now he is the Family lawyer and counselor.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1** He thinks the future of the family business is hopeless because Sonny is not the right person to replace him.
- 2** The Don is his real godfather./He is the Don’s godson.
- 3** Tom Hagen has the head of Jack Woltz’s horse - Khartoum - cut off, and placed in Woltz’s bed.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1** They are Santino (Sonny), Frederico (Freddie), Michael, and Constanzia (Connie), the only daughter. Sonny is tall with thick, curly dark hair and a huge, powerful body. Freddie is 30, and short and tough with black curly hair. He is not handsome. Michael has straight black hair and he is handsome. Connie is thin and nervous.
- 2** *Example answer:* He used to be his father’s favorite but then he volunteered for the air force in the war, going against his father’s wishes. He then went to college and left his father’s house. His girlfriend is American rather than Italian, and she is not a virgin. His family is possibly not happy about this.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1** He wants the Don to join his drug business so he can use the Don’s connections to protect his people. The Don refuses him because he thinks that involvement in a drugs business would be bad for his other businesses.
- 2** He has called in sick three times that month.
- 3** He has been kidnapped.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1** Don Corleone isn’t dead, which means that Sollozzo has no use for Hagen now. They will probably kill him.
- 2** Michael asks him how much Sollozzo is paying him, in front of other policemen. It fills Michael with hate.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 He suddenly wants to be involved in the Family business. Clemenza and Tessio are amazed, Hagen is sad, but Sonny laughs because he always knew that Michael was even tougher than the other Corleones.
- 2 He means that this will be the next thing to make lots of money. It is a new thing that everyone will want to be a part of.
- 3 He gets on a ship that will take him to Sicily.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 He means they are beautiful and can make a man fall in love with them, until they start to speak (when they show that they are maybe silly and not very interesting).
- 2 He wants him to start producing movies.
Example answer: He probably wants him to do this so that the Don can build a business in movie-making.
- 3 *Example answer:* Someone who plans a murder carefully and does not care at all about the feelings of the person who they are going to kill.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 He advises him to do a drug deal with the other Families.
- 2 Carlo Rizzi does not feel the Corleones are treating him well. He beats his pregnant wife, who is a Corleone.
- 3 They give information to the newspapers that links McCluskey to Sollozzo, who is known for selling drugs. The police are not happy about this because drug money is seen as dirty money. After this, they begin taking bribes from the Families again.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 He is shot dead while waiting at a tollbooth.

- 2 He decides not to take revenge against the Five Families for Sonny's death at the moment. They will meet and decide what to do after Sonny's funeral.
- 3 Don Corleone wants Amerigo Bonasera to make Sonny look good in the coffin. He doesn't want Sonny's mother to see his battered face and body.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 He arranges for the Bocchicchio Family to provide hostages.
- 2 He agrees to enter the drugs business.
- 3 He wants to make peace with the other Families.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 *Example answer:* It is when a man (or woman) falls in love immediately and powerfully.
- 2 *Example answer:* He sees Fabrizzio disappearing through the gates with a strange look on his face and then quickly guesses what is going to happen.
- 3 He means that he wishes to become the next Don of the Corleone Family.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 *Example answer:* The Family is using her as a "front" as the owner of the hotel. Lucy is the official owner, but really the Family owns it. They do this because they want to hide their wealth (from the tax office and others).
- 2 Jules notices that Johnny's voice sounds rough. Jules also realizes that he hasn't seen him sing in public for over a year now.
- 3 *Example answer:* Johnny is frightened that he might be seriously ill.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 She is in New York and the hotel room reminds her of times she spent with Michael in similar rooms.
- 2 **Example answer:** He still loves Apollonia.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 They are planning to sell all their interests in the olive oil business and move out to Las Vegas.
- 2 He wants him to appear five times a year at the hotel for a week at a time, and try to get his friends in the movies to do the same.
- 3 **Example answer:** He now knows what Moe Greene looks like (so he can kill him later).

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 She goes to pray for the soul of her husband.
- 2 They think that he has been weakened by calling for peace and not taking revenge over Sonny's death.
- 3 He doesn't think Tom Hagen is able to be a wartime *Consiglieri* and doesn't want him to get hurt.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

- 1 His father dies.
- 2 He wants to see what will happen.
- 3 He is expecting them to organize a meeting with the other Families because his father warned him this would happen. The member is Tessio. **Example answer:** He will probably be killed.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

- 1 **Example answer:** The Family is planning to kill him.
- 2 He organizes for Phillip Tattaglia and Emilio Barzini to be killed.

- 3 Tessio is killed for betraying the Family; Carlo Rizzi is killed to take revenge for Sonny's death; and Fabrizzio is killed to take revenge for Apollonia's death.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

- 1 She is becoming like his mother.
- 2 She left him because he lied to her about Carlo Rizzi's death.
- 3 She prays for her husband's soul (as Mrs. Corleone did for Don Corleone).

After-reading questions

- 1 A Family is a group of people who work together in the Mafia. A family might be made up of a married (or unmarried) couple who have children, etc.
- 2 **Example answer:** He was not a good Don because he got too angry and didn't think before he acted. He also was not good at planning. However, he was powerful and people were frightened of him.
- 3 **Example answer:** He wants to bring Michael home so that he can become the new Don.
- 4 **Example answer:** It means that if this person refuses his offer, they will die.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

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| 1 | 1 true | 2 false |
| | 3 false | 4 false |
| | 5 true | 6 true |

CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

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| 2 | 1 undertaker | 2 sore |
| | 3 pay off | 4 risk |
| | 5 operation | 6 gambling |

CHAPTER FOUR

- 3 1 “And, as for Luca Brasi, I’m **taking care** of him.”
- 2 He found the narrow entrance to the mall **blocked** with a metal chain.
- 3 Michael looked over Sonny’s shoulder and saw a list of names **written** in the notebook.
- 4 “I told him I **would/’d talk the Family into** the deal, even if the Don was still alive.”
- 5 “I had to, or Sollozzo **would have** killed me.”
- 6 “I agree, but how did he **call off** the guards?”
- 7 “I called off the security!” the huge man shouted, **losing** his temper.
- 8 Michael did not want him to see the ice that **had started** entering his brain.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 4 1 Why was Michael’s jaw fixed together with wire?
- 2 What was McCluskey taking from the Families?
- 3 What is the coming thing?
- 4 Why was Michael heading/traveling to Sicily?
- 5 Why didn’t Ginny remarry?
- 6 How much money do you need to make/support/produce a movie?
- 7 Why does Mrs. Corleone tell Kay to forget Michael?
- 8 What was Kay getting used to?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 5 1 Las Vegas was part of the West Coast **empire**.
- 2 “Once we start operating again, the Five Families will start their **raids**,” he said.
- 3 The Family’s gambling operations were not hidden like money lending, drugs, or **prostitution**.

- 4 Carlo liked to **boast** to Coach and Sally Rags about how he beat his wife.
- 5 The police refused to protect gambling or any other **vice** operations.
- 6 Tessio and Clemenza were too old to lead **troops**.

CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 6 1 Sonny
- 2 Mrs. Corleone
- 3 The Bocchicchio Family
- 4 Emilio Barzini
- 5 Don Corleone

CHAPTERS TEN AND ELEVEN

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| 1 weak | 2 new |
| 3 plain | 4 lose |
| 5 disappeared | 6 in danger |
| 7 owned | 8 smoothness |

(other answers are possible)

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 8 1 The hotel room reminded Kay of Michael, **didn’t it?**
- 2 Michael had come home, **hadn’t he?**
- 3 He hadn’t called Kay, **had he?**
- 4 He drove off with her, **didn’t he?**
- 5 He could have written to her, **couldn’t he?**
- 6 He didn’t trust her, **did he?**
- 7 They would have to live in the mall, **wouldn’t they?**
- 8 He hadn’t slept with a woman in the last six months, **had he?**

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 9 1 c 2 a 3 b 4 f 5 e 6 d

CHAPTERS FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN

- 10 a 2 b 4 c 9 d 1 e 3
f 7 g 6 h 5 i 8 j 10

ALL CHAPTERS

- 11** 1 e 2 h 3 a 4 b
5 c 6 g 7 d 8 f

- 12** 1 possibly criminal, not to be trusted
2 to send strong men to frighten someone
3 to stop contact
4 going to live/survive
5 someone who doesn't think before they act
6 to hide for a long period of time
7 to start to give yourself an opportunity
8 to ask for a return of a favor
9 to tell something directly and truthfully
10 to make someone look stupid

Project work

Reader's own answers.

Essay questions

Reader's own answers.