

Chapter 1 : This Is for the Mara Salvatrucha: Inside the MS, America's Most Violent Gang by Samuel Loga

Upon arriving in LA, they found that the danger from El Salvador It was surprisingly informational, and I got to learn a lot about the most dangerous gang in almost the whole world, MS The book was told in the voice of a narrator, who was a part of the gang.

Some sources state the gang is named for La Mara, a street gang in San Salvador , and the Salvatrucha guerrillas who fought in the Salvadoran Civil War. Many school districts were reluctant to admit unaccompanied teenagers when they arrived from Central America, which left them home alone and vulnerable to gang recruitment. Common markings include "MS", "Salvatrucha", the "Devil Horns", the name of their clique, and other symbols. This hand sign is similar to the symbol commonly displayed by heavy metal musicians and their fans. Founders of Mara Salvatrucha borrowed the hand sign after attending concerts of heavy metal bands. Strength numbers include more than 10, nationally and 2, on Long Island, New York. It is estimated to have around 30, members internationally. By , this operation had made over 20, arrests, including more than 3, arrests of alleged MS members. Their weapon of choice is a machete. You know, limbs hacked off. FBI agents said that the U. Six gunmen raked the bus with gunfire. As passengers screamed and ducked, another gunman climbed aboard and methodically executed passengers. Ebert Anibal Rivera was arrested over the attack after fleeing to Texas. On May 13, , Ernesto "Smokey" Miranda, a former high-ranking soldier and one of the founders of Mara Salvatrucha, was murdered at his home in El Salvador a few hours after declining to attend a party for a gang member who had just been released from prison. He had begun studying law and working to keep children out of gangs. Their car had briefly blocked Ramos from completing a left turn down a narrow street. Seventy-three suspects were arrested in the U. Edgar Villalobos, a laborer, was killed. The plot to assassinate the unidentified Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was revealed in an arrest warrant for reputed gang member Walter "Duke" Torres. He told police he had information to pass on; he was debriefed on October 22 at Rikers Island, where he was being held on a warrant issued in Virginia, according to court papers. Torres said "the order for the murder came from gang leadership in El Salvador", ICE agent Sean Sweeney wrote in an affidavit for a new warrant charging Torres with conspiracy. Torres, who belonged to an MS "clique" in Virginia, said he was put in charge, and traveled to New York in August "for the specific purpose of participating in the planning and execution of the murder plot", Sweeney wrote. Another MS informant told authorities the agent was marked for death because the gang was "exceedingly angry" at him for arresting many members in the past three years, the affidavit states. The murder was supposed to be carried out by the Flushing clique, according to the informant. Federal prosecutors have indicted numerous MS gang members on racketeering, extortion, prostitution, kidnapping, illegal immigration, money laundering, murder, people smuggling, arms trafficking, human trafficking and drug trafficking charges; the targeted special agent was the lead federal investigator on many of the federal cases. According to Guzman, after the mother was lured into the woods with an invitation to smoke cannabis, he killed her; and the baby then began screaming and crying and was executed with two shots to the head. Another 18 defendants reported to have ties to the gang pleaded guilty before trial. Their victim, Moises Frias Jr. Guns, knives, and money were also seized at the homes of the gang members. Massachusetts State Police Lt. These are very very violent individuals. The violence is unspeakable. Nassau County police also said the two members were responsible for 21 murders in New York in just short of 2 years. Authorities said the motive was to gain reputation. After a night of drinking, Gomez and another MS member smacked Matute on the head with a baseball bat, sliced his throat with a knife, and stabbed him in the back with a screwdriver 17 times. Gomez managed to evade arrest but was later captured in Virginia, where he was hiding out with other MS gang members. According to the year-old, the members also held another victim, "Genesis", hostage in the same apartment. He could be sentenced to life in prison if he is convicted. He was one of seventeen defendants in a count indictment in January that charged him with several counts of conspiracy to commit murder and operating as a high-level trafficker of controlled substances. Portillo participated in the murder of four young Latino men assumed to be in a rival gang. Portillo, along with several other of his fellow gang

members, lured the four young men into the woods behind a soccer field in Central Islip on April 11, , then proceeded to kill the victims using machetes, knives, and wooden clubs. Although he was 15 years and 11 months old at the time of the murders, he was prosecuted as an adult and now faces life in prison. Ormeno recruited juvenile females into a prostitution ring by locating runaway children. He was sentenced in June to 50 years in prison for child prostitution. The girls were lured from middle schools, high schools, and public shelters. Once acquired by Amaya, they were required to have sex with as many as ten men per day. The work eventually led to charges against 26 MS members, including 7 trial convictions in January , 18 guilty pleas, and 11 multi-year prison sentences. He later came to Charlotte, North Carolina , according to witnesses, as a veteran member of MS, to reorganize the Charlotte cell of the gang. During the trial , he attempted to bring a knife with him into the courtroom, which was discovered by U. Marshals before he was transported to the courthouse. Thousands of hours were spent on the case over several years. International work was also involved. The case was prosecuted by Chief Criminal Assistant U. Attorney Jill Westmoreland Rose of the U. On April 28, a person federal jury in Charlotte voted unanimously to impose the death penalty. On July 27, , Chief U. District Judge Robert J. Also commenting on the decision in the government press release were Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer, of the Criminal Division, U. Treasury Department announced a freeze on American-owned assets controlled by the organization and listed MS as a transnational criminal organization. As a result, the U. Treasury Department imposed further sanctions in , allowing the government to seize all assets controlled by these men; any business with these leaders would no longer be allowed. The first phase was in September , and resulted in 53 arrests in El Salvador. The second phase was between October 8 and November 11, , and resulted in arrests in the U. Charges included drug trafficking, child prostitution, human smuggling, racketing, and conspiracy to commit murder. Violence by MS against immigrants at Guatemalaâ€™Mexico border is pictured in the feature movie *La vida precoz y breve de Sabina Rivas*

Chapter 2 : Vida y muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha - ESPAÑOL CON MARÃ•A

Another reviewer mentions that watching an episode of Gangland " La Mara Salvatrucha " on the History Chanel (also on Youtube) can give you a better insight into the gang than this book. I decided to do both finish this book and see the Gangland documentary.

This is why I love using them: They tell engaging stories. They include tons of cultural connections. There are so many connections that can be made to other authentic resources. The Teacher Guides are very useful with pre and post questions, slideshows, and a wide variety of activities to do with the books. Some of my favorites so far are: This book is a bit heavy, but I think it will be engaging and students will think about and process a variety of topics. It will also be a great segue to our immigration unit. In order to understand how La Mara Salvatrucha formed, we are going to spend a week learning about the civil war in El Salvador. The main resource for doing this is the movie Voces Inocentes. The movie is a bit heavy, so to break it up, we will be learning some of the songs from the movie soundtrack, including these: I particularly love these two: La cumbia del brinquito La de la mochila azul At the end of the week, students will have a speaking assessment. They will have to tell me a summary of what happened in the movie. After that, we will read the book Vida y Muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha. To focus on Essential Question 3, we are going to use two songs. For the end of unit assessments, this is what I have planned. There are three options and students will choose one of the following. I may decide to change this as the unit progresses. Focus on answering Essential Questions within the context of the resources. Write a an illustrated fictional story draw or make a presentation about someone from El Salvador who lived through the guerra civil and eventually immigrated to the United States. Within your story, focus on answering the Essential Questions. Use at least two of the songs from the unit and show how lines from the songs relate to the movie "Voces Inocentes" and the book Vida y Muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha. Focus on answering the Essential Questions. Have you used this book in class? Do you have any suggestions or ideas? We went over it before starting the movie. Also, students listened to this NPR podcast in English the night before we started the movie and took notes in Spanish. We will go over the words and fill in the English before we read each chapter. The words are in the order that they appear.

Chapter 3 : Vida y Muerte en La Mara Salvatrucha by Lyly Ngo on Prezi

This compelling drama recounts life (and death) in one of the most violent and well-known gangs in Los Angeles- La Mara Salvatrucha Joining MS brings certain gang-related responsibilities- but being born into La Salvatrucha requires much more.

Chapter 4 : NPR Choice page

Unique Words 7, Total Words Past Tense Level 3, Intermediate-Low This compelling drama recounts life (and death) in one of the most violent and well-known gangs in Los Angeles, La Mara Salvatrucha.

Chapter 5 : Los Angeles Times - We are currently unavailable in your region

Vida y muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha - Novel Level 3 novel written in past tense. This compelling drama recounts life (and death) in one of the most violent and well-known gangs in Los Angeles, La Mara Salvatrucha.

Chapter 6 : La verdad de la Mara Salvatrucha - BenjamÃ•n Zamudio Hermida - Google Books

This activity was designed to use stations (reading, listening, writing & speaking) to introduce intermediate Spanish students to the Mara Salvatrucha and El Salvador, before reading the TPRS novel Vida y Muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha.

Chapter 7 : MS gang: The story behind one of the world's most brutal street gangs - BBC News

Vida y Muerte en La Mara Salvatrucha No Mas Libertad Complicaciones El Vida De JosÃ© Violencia en la pandilla La IniciaciÃ³n La Familia Calle La Primera MisiÃ³n.

Chapter 8 : Vida y Muerte en La Mara Salvatrucha by Anonymous

In I met Carol Gaab and Kristy Placido and have since co-authored the book "La hija del sastre" with Carol Gaab and authored the novels "La Calaca Alegre" and "Bianca Nieves y los 7 toritos." through TPRS Publishing.