



# Al Capone Knowledge Organiser

Key genre terms and vocabulary that you will need to know to understand and include in your responses:

- ⇒ Character
- ⇒ Chapter
- ⇒ Setting
- ⇒ Atmosphere
- ⇒ Writer
- ⇒ Setting
- ⇒ Reader

## Context

*Context refers to the historical and social events that were happening when the text was written- it helps us to understand the text and the characters.*

### **Key Facts:**

- 1) *The setting is Alcatraz Island in the 1930s.*
- 2) *This island was used as a federal prison in San Francisco Bay.*
- 3) *The prison housed some of America's most difficult and dangerous felons.*
- 4) *The prison was also known as 'The Rock' because of how isolated it was.*
- 5) *Al Capone was a notorious gangster. At the prison. He was also known as 'Scarface'*
- 6) *No inmate ever escaped Alcatraz successfully.*
- 7) *During nearly three decades of operation, Alcatraz housed a total of 1,576 men..*

**P**

**E**

**A1**

**A2**

**Z**

**R**

**K**

**CON**

PEAK paragraphs are how we write our responses:

**Point-** answer the question in one sentence.

**Evidence-** back it up with a quote.

**Analysis 1-** This is where you infer something from the quote in your words.

**Analysis 2-** This is where you add detail.

**Z-** Look at one word in closer detail.

**R-** How will this make the reader think/feel

Link back to the keyword in the question.

Can you bring in any historical context about Alcatraz, the prison?

**Key characters:** Moose Flanagan is the main character (protagonist). He goes through remarkable growth and maturity as the story develops. He starts off quite self absorbed and miserable when he's forced to leave his old home, but he grows into a caring and protective brother who cares deeply about his family as the story develops. Natalie is his sister who has autism. This is very important when considering the time the story is set in! Mr Flanagan is Moose's dad and he's a man of few words. It was indeed his job that led the Flanagan family to Alcatraz. Warden Williams is the boss on Alcatraz, and whatever he says goes! He has a daughter called Piper and she really liked to be in charge of the other children on the island.