

Gran Torino – Day #1 Discussion Questions
Criminology Forensic Science
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We are watching *Gran Torino* as a supplemental activity to our gang unit. As you answer the questions, please look at your notes from the unit and think about how you can connect the FBI Special Agent's presentation and our work on gangs to *Gran Torino*. Include elements from the movie and your knowledge of gangs. Please note the following guidelines:

1. Each response should be 3-5 sentences
2. Take your time and proofread your responses.
3. We intend to share the responses with the FBI.
4. Type your responses into a Google document and PRINT the document before class
5. Your document must be PRINTED and submitted by 1:14 p.m. on Wednesday
6. On the top of the page, right-aligned, please include the following header:

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Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Thao attempts to join the gang? Use facts from *Gran Torino* along with information from SSA Wood's presentation.
2. Why does Thao attempt to steal Walt Kowalski's Ford Gran Torino and what is the result when he fails? Based on our gang unit, how are gangs related to this attempted theft and result?
3. In what ways do gangs have a negative (or positive) impact on the Lor family? How do you think gangs affect neighborhoods in cities like Boston, Lawrence, or Lynn? Use facts from *Gran Torino* along with information from our unit on gangs.

Primary Characters
Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood)
Thao Vang Lor
Father Janovich
Sue Lor