Dirección: Francis Ford Coppola
Producción: Paramount Pictures
Formato: DVD
Año: 1972
Duración: 2:55 min
Género: Drama

Interpretación (actores): Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando), Michael (Al Pacino), Sonny (James Caan), Tom Hagen (Robert Duvall)
Subtítulos: Inglés, Español

Sinopsis: The Corleone family is an influential and powerful group in New York; its Olive Oil exportation business is only the veal that covers hundreds of secret and illegal negotiations with important people in the city and even the country. Unexpected events dramatically change this family, whose members brutally transform their lives.

Nivel de dificultad de comprensión del idioma: Intermedio Superior-Avanzado

Recomendaciones para mejorar la comprensión:

*If your language understanding is basic or intermediate watch the film with subtitles in Spanish.

*If your language understanding is upper-intermediate or advanced watch the film with subtitles in English or without them.

Actividades propuestas

Antes de ver la película:

Contesta lo siguiente:

What is the meaning of the word "mob"? (Use a dictionary)

What do you know about the Italian Mafia?

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To find more about it read the following information:

The Mafia (also known as *Cosa Nostra*, in English "Our Thing") is a underlined criminal syndicate in Sicily, Italy. It is a loose association of criminal groups that share a common organizational structure and code of conduct, and whose common enterprise is to protect businesses through violence outside the sanction of the law. Criminals provide protection to persons and properties in exchange of a future favor. Each group, known as a "family", "clan", or "*cosca*", claims sovereignty over a territory, usually a town or village or a neighborhood (*borgata*) of a larger city, in which it operates. Its members call themselves "men of honor", although the public often refers to them as "Mafiosi".

According to the classic definition, the Mafia is a criminal organization originating in Sicily. However, the term "mafia" has become a generic term for any organized criminal network with similar structure, methods, and interests.

Watch the following video of the most wanted Italian Gangsters in North America from 1900 to 1960.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug74P_1NuS8

Durante la película:

Contesta lo siguiente:

Watch the fragment 0:00:00 to 0:33:45 min.

a) In which years is the story placed?

b) In which place is the story placed?

c) What is Don Corleone's apparent job?

d) What is the job of the consigliere?

e) Where does Don Corleone come from?

f) What are the names of Don Corleone´s sons?

g) Which famous singer arrives to Corleone´s daughter wedding?

h) Explain in your words how this singer was helped by Don Corleone to appear in a film.

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Área audiovisual
Película: El Padrino
(The Godfather)

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*Answer True or False.

a) The Tattaglia family wants Don Corleone's help because they want to sell alcohol with certain politicians' permission and protection _____.

b) Vito Corleone is The God father's name _____.

c) There are 3 Italian families involved in the mob _____.

d) The God father was shot when he was buying fruit _____.

e) Michael is going to disappear for a year because he killed a police officer and a member of The Tattaglia's _____.

f) Michael's first wife has two sons _____.

g) Sonny was murdered by The Barzini family _____.

h) Vito Corleone died in a car explosion _____.

i) When Vito Colrleone dies, Fredo is left in charge of the family business _____.

j) Mike organizes the murder of the five Italian Mafia heads in New York _____.

Después de ver la película:

Contesta lo siguiente:

   a) Are there any Mafia Groups in your country?

   b) How do they work?

   c) Are these groups a positive or a negative influence in your country? Why?

   d) Are these groups helpful or damaging to your community? Why?

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