

Reading Comprehension Tutoring Scenario

A tutee comes to the learning centre to seek your help with a reading comprehension practice activity for class. They have read the reading and responded to the instructor's questions. They are seeking your advice on how well they have answered the questions. Their instructor has suggested that they should go to the learning centre to get some help with their writing.

Below you will find the assignment description, reading, and tutee's response to the questions.

Assignment Description

For this practice assignment, carefully read the following passage and answer the questions bellow. Make sure to reference specifics from the reading and put your responses in your own words. Copying from the source text to answer the questions is not an appropriate response.

Reading: The Case of the City Street Gang

In a mid-sized urban area, a street gang, known as the Crescent Kings, has been operating for over five years. This gang is known for its involvement in various criminal activities, including drug trafficking, armed robbery, and violent assaults. The gang primarily recruits young members from disadvantaged neighborhoods, offering them protection and a sense of belonging.

The leader of the Crescent Kings, Lamar "King" Williams, is a charismatic figure who was raised in the same neighborhood and has a history of minor criminal offenses dating back to his adolescence. Williams' leadership is seen as effective by his gang members, with a clear hierarchical structure in place. Despite ongoing investigations into their criminal operations, the gang remains elusive due to its members' strict code of silence (also known as the "no snitching" rule).

In the last six months, the gang has expanded its operations, collaborating with other criminal organizations across the city. As part of their business model, they have been using social media to intimidate rivals, recruit new members, and advertise illegal goods. Law enforcement has struggled to infiltrate the gang, as its members are careful to cover their tracks and maintain a tight-knit network.

Recently, several arrests have been made within the gang, including some high-ranking members. However, despite these efforts, Lamar Williams continues to evade capture. His ability to stay one step ahead of the authorities has led many to question the effectiveness of traditional policing methods in dealing with organized crime.

Current Situation:

The police department has ramped up efforts to combat the Crescent Kings' growing influence by implementing new strategies, such as increased surveillance and undercover operations. Community leaders have also voiced concerns about the impact of gang violence on local residents, especially youths who are being drawn into the gang's activities.

The case has drawn significant media attention, and public opinion is divided. Some believe that more funding should be directed toward social programs to offer alternatives to gang involvement, while others argue for harsher criminal penalties to deter gang activity.

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Comprehension Questions:

1. What are the primary criminal activities the Crescent Kings gang is involved in?
2. Describe the structure of the Crescent Kings gang and the role of Lamar Williams within it.
3. How does the Crescent Kings gang recruit new members, and what factors contribute to its appeal?
4. What challenges have law enforcement faced in their efforts to arrest Lamar Williams and dismantle the gang?
5. What strategies have the police implemented to combat the Crescent Kings, and what role do community leaders play in addressing gang violence?
6. Discuss the public's divided opinion on how to deal with gang violence. What are the two main approaches suggested?
7. How does the gang use social media in its operations?
8. What could be some alternative methods for tackling gang violence in this community?
9. Why might traditional policing methods be insufficient when dealing with organized
10. crime groups like the Crescent Kings?
11. What is the significance of the "no snitching" rule within the gang? How does it
12. affect law enforcement's ability to infiltrate the organization?

Tutee Answers:

1. The primary criminal activities the Crescent Kings gang is involved in include drug trafficking, armed robbery, and violent assaults.
2. The Crescent Kings gang has a hierarchical structure with Lamar Williams as the leader. Williams is described as charismatic and effective in his leadership, having risen through the ranks due to his past involvement in crime.
3. The gang recruits young members from disadvantaged neighborhoods, offering protection and a sense of belonging. This appeal is largely due to the lack of other opportunities in these areas and the gang's ability to provide security and financial gain.
4. Law enforcement has faced significant challenges in arresting Lamar Williams due to his ability to evade capture. The "no snitching" rule and the gang's tight-knit structure make it difficult for authorities to gather information and infiltrate the organization.
5. The police have implemented strategies such as increased surveillance and undercover operations to combat the Crescent Kings. Community leaders have voiced concerns and emphasized the need for more social programs to provide alternatives to gang involvement.
6. The public doesn't know how to address gang violence.
7. The gang uses social media to intimidate rivals.
8. Alternative methods for tackling gang violence could include providing young people with positive alternatives to gang involvement.
9. Traditional policing methods may be insufficient because they are good at what they do.
10. The "no snitching" rule is no one say anything about anything or you will be hurt.