Al Capone

17 January 1899 - 25 January 1947
American Gangster

Family
* from the borough of Brooklyn in New York
* parents = Italian immigrants
* father = a barber / mother = a seamstress
* moved to Chicago at the age of 20
* married Mae Josephine (30 December 1918)

Career:
* most notorious gangster of his generation
* co-founder and Boss of Chicago Outfit
  * responsible for many murders
* arrested for tax evasion in 1931
* 8 years in prison: Atlanta penitentiary + Alcatraz

What to remember of that era?
# period called the Prohibition (1920 - 1933)
# production, transportation, consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages were banned
  & consequences: bootlegging and increase of organized crime
# ended with the ratification of the 20th amendment