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Clyde Barrow was born in 1909 in Louisiana. Like Bonnie, he also had a troubled upbringing and a history of criminal behavior. He had a string of arrests for various crimes, including theft and auto theft, and had spent time in prison.

The two met when Bonnie was working as a waitress and Clyde was a member of the Barrow Gang. The Barrow Gang was a group of criminals that Clyde Barrow belonged to. The gang was formed in the early 1930s and consisted of several members. They were notorious for their bank robberies and shootouts with the police. In 1930, Bonnie was a waitress working at a diner in Dallas. While she was working, Clyde Barrow came in with his gang. After eating, they left without paying; when Bonnie called out to them, they fired shots at her. Soon after this, Bonnie's family moved to West Dallas, and Bonnie went to live with them. Clyde would visit her there sometimes, but he was never allowed inside the house.

Bonnie and Clyde's criminal activities began in earnest in 1932 when they robbed a store in Texas. Over the next few years, they went on a crime spree that included bank robberies and car thefts across several states. They became infamous for their reckless and violent behavior, and their faces were plastered on wanted posters across the country.

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Despite their violent and criminal actions, Bonnie and Clyde have become something of romanticized figures in popular culture. Their story has been told countless times in books, movies, and television shows, and they have become symbols of the lawlessness and rebellion of the 1930s. However, it is important to remember that their actions had real and often devastating consequences for their victims and their families.



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d. "Bonnie Parker was born in Texas in 1910. She grew up in a troubled and abusive home and had a difficult childhood."
- 2.What can you infer from the line, "She grew up in a troubled and abusive home and had a difficult childhood. She married at a young age, but her husband was sent to prison shortly after their wedding."?
- a. Clyde was able to easily persuade Bonnie into a life of crime.

b. Bonnie and Clyde caused death and violence across the country.

c. Bonnie came from a well known family.

d. Bonnie's upbringing contributed to her violent behavior.
- 3.What can you infer from this line of the text: "Bonnie's family moved to West Dallas and Bonnie went to live with them. Clyde would visit her there sometimes, but he was never allowed inside the house."?
- a. Bonnie's family moved often.

b. Bonnie's family knew Clyde well.

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d. Bonnie kept their relationship a secret.
- 4.Which statement best explains what is meant by the word "romanticized" in the line: "Despite their violent and criminal actions, Bonnie and Clyde have become something of a romanticized figure in popular culture"?
- a. Bonnie and Clyde are admired for their commitment to their life of crime.

b. Bonnie and Clyde's story is seen as an example of love and crime coming together.

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