

Prison Tattoos



Learning objectives

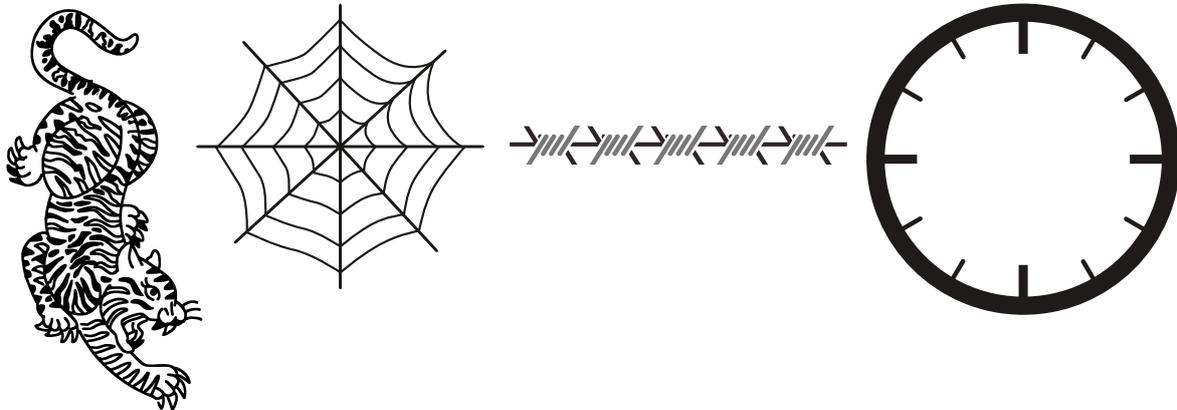
By the end of this session you will be able to:

- Talk about your opinion of tattoos.
- Use vocabulary related to crime.
- Talk about ex-gang members re-entering society.

Discuss

- How do you feel about tattoos?
- When you see somebody with a lot of tattoos what do you think?
- Do you have any tattoos? If so, what do they mean?

Look at the tattoos designs, what do they mean?



- A life sentence without parole. Each of the barbs can also symbolize the number of years spent in prison.
- Power and strength.
- A lengthy sentence, or a sentence of life without parole.
- Time spent in prison or time spent in the inescapable gang lifestyle.

Do you agree or disagree with these meanings? Why or why not?
Do these tattoos have any other meanings?

Match the words to their definitions

- incarcerate
- re-enter
- stigma
- straddle the fence
- bring back memories
- to not commit to a decision
- imprison or confine
- enter (something) again
- a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
- To remind you of something from the past

Complete the questions with these vocabulary words

re-enter / straddle the fence / stigma

Is there still a certain ____ towards people who have tattoos?

What advice do you have for ex-gang members looking to ____ society?

Why do some ex-gang members _____ about removing their gang tattoos?

Watch the video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT9jcDrFGxs>, and answer the questions.

- How many people do they help a year?
- What does Homeboy Industries do?
- How many different gangs and clicks go through Homeboy Industries?
- How many friends has Gabriel lost to gangs?

Discuss

- What do you think about this initiative?
- How else can help ex-gang members re-enter society?

Debate

Tattoos are offensive! To what extent do you agree or disagree?