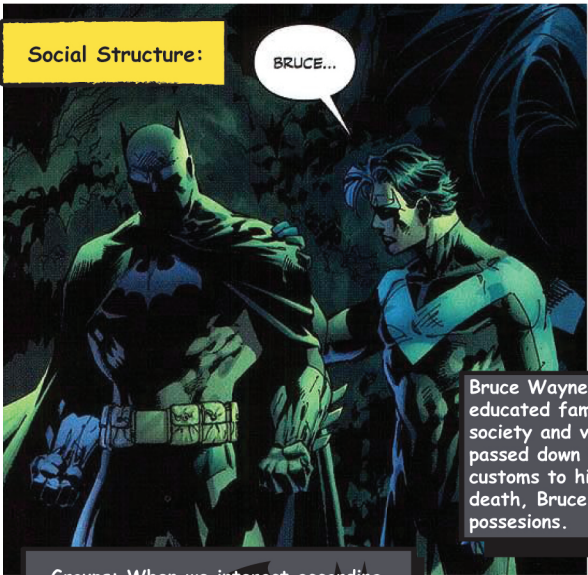




BATMAN BEGINS
INTO SOCIOLOGY

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Social Structure:

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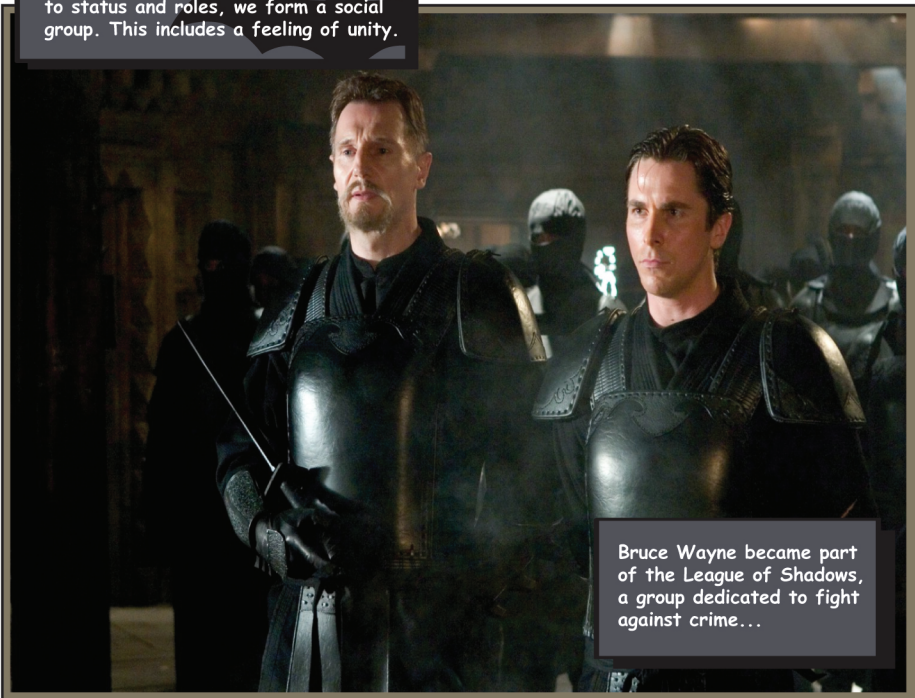
Bruce Wayne comes from a highly educated family with great standing in society and very wealthy, his parents passed down their ideology, values and customs to him. After their tragic death, Bruce inherited all their material possessions.



Socialization: Becoming a social being; learning norms and values.

Culture: the totality of learned and transmitted customs, knowledge, material objects, behavior, ideas, values, customs, and artifacts of groups of people.

Groups: When we interact according to status and roles, we form a social group. This includes a feeling of unity.



Bruce Wayne became part of the League of Shadows, a group dedicated to fight against crime...



... but his opposition to the idea of becoming an executioner, conflicted with the ideas of Ra's Al Ghul.



Roles: What one should do in accordance to status. Opposing roles cause problems. Role strain is caused when a position imposes conflicting demands and expectations.

Gotham City...

... a Postindustrial Society: society in which food production is extremely efficient. Focus is on controlling information, services and high-tech dominate the economy.

The greatest of these high-tech companies is Wayne Enterprises, the company provides all levels of services and products. It is the economic backbone of Gotham.

Formal Organizations: Groups whose activities are specifically designed to achieve definite goals. They are structured for maximum efficiency.

Institutions: A set of widely held beliefs, norms, or procedures in place to help society benefit.

Rossides' class model of the US:
Upper - (1-2%) very wealthy
Upper Middle- (10-15%) professionals
Lower Middle- (30-35%) less affluent professionals
Working- (40-45%) Blue Collar
Lower- (20-25%) Low Income

Bruce Wayne has the ascribed statuses of: millionaire, son, orphan, man. And the achieved statuses of: vigilante, detective, playboy, philanthropist, martial artist.

Stratification: Unequal distribution of power, privilege, and prestige.

Wealth: material assets such as land, cattle, or stocks.

Heir to the Wayne empire, Bruce has a great amount of wealth, most of that goes to finance his crime-fighting career, but he also invests it in maintaining his play boy facade.

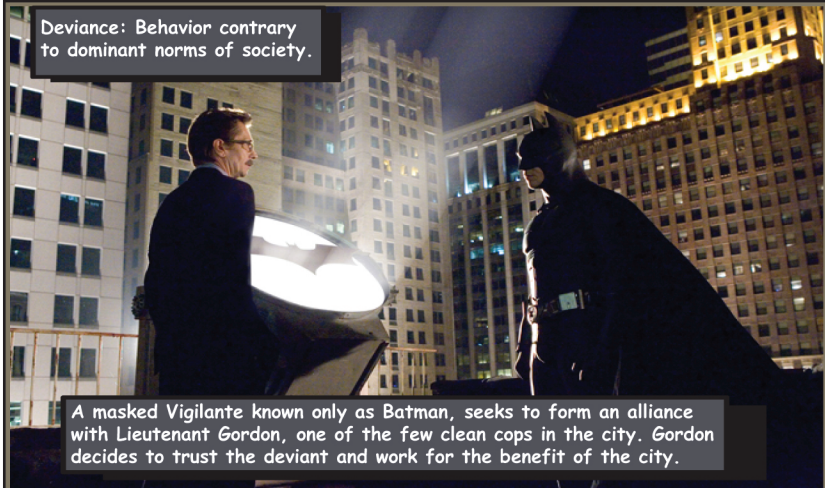
Status: A position in society. Likely to behave according to your status and that of the person interacting with. Can be ascribed or achieved.

Corporate Crime: Fraud, price fixing, unsafe products, inside trading, etc.



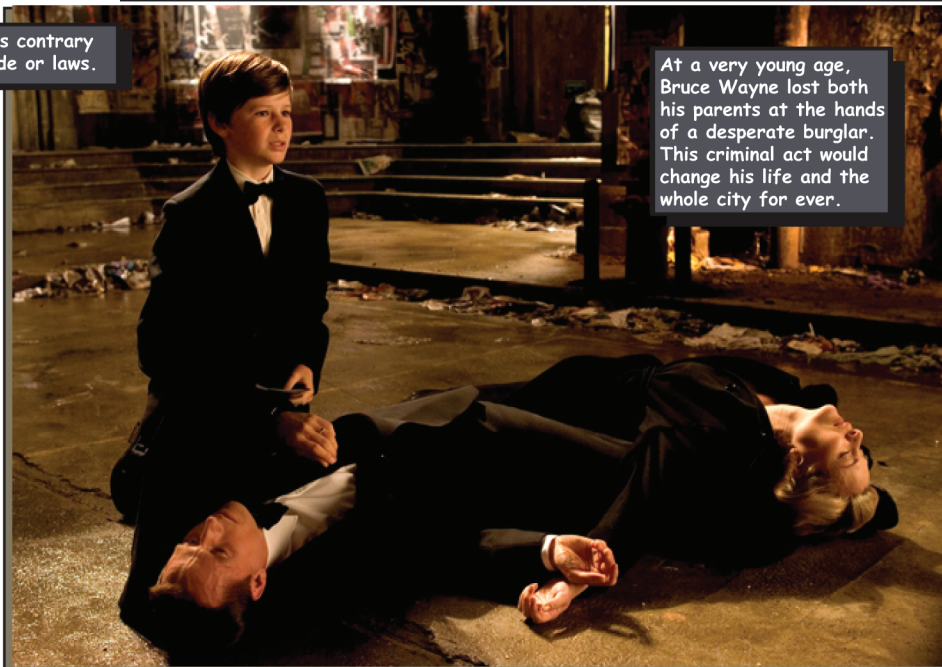
Carmine Falcone is the head of the organized crime in Gotham. He holds every public official and law enforcement figure in his pocket. Unchallenged he can do whatever he wants to Gotham City.

Deviance: Behavior contrary to dominant norms of society.



A masked Vigilante known only as Batman, seeks to form an alliance with Lieutenant Gordon, one of the few clean cops in the city. Gordon decides to trust the deviant and work for the benefit of the city.

Crime: Acts contrary to legal code or laws.



At a very young age, Bruce Wayne lost both his parents at the hands of a desperate burglar. This criminal act would change his life and the whole city for ever.

Dr. Jonathan Crane is an Arkham psychiatrist who employs fear as a tactic to "cure" people from their mental problems.



... A mental institution for the criminally insane. Here, the most disturbed and dangerous criminals are locked up and given psychiatric help.

Arkham Asylum...



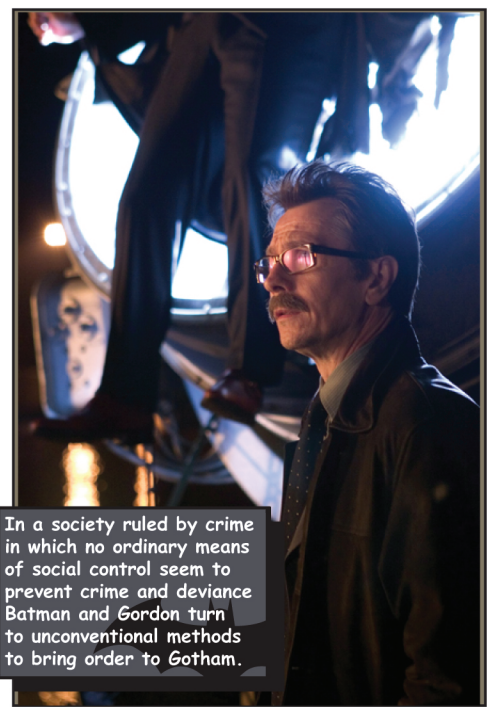
Mental problems: Approximately 19% of American adults suffer from a mental problem serious enough to require psychiatric help. Most common problem is phobia, followed by depression and alcoholism.



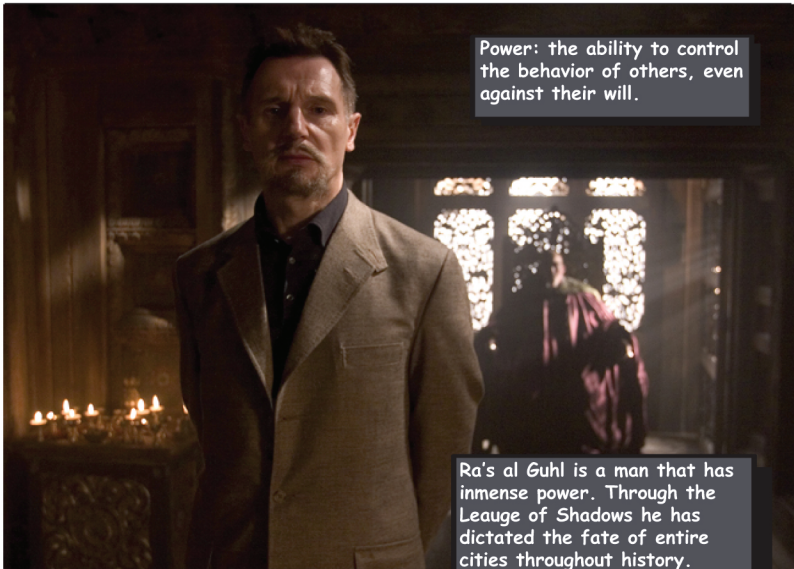
Social Control: Refers to the techniques and strategies for preventing devian behavior in a society



But if I did... now would be a good time to start.

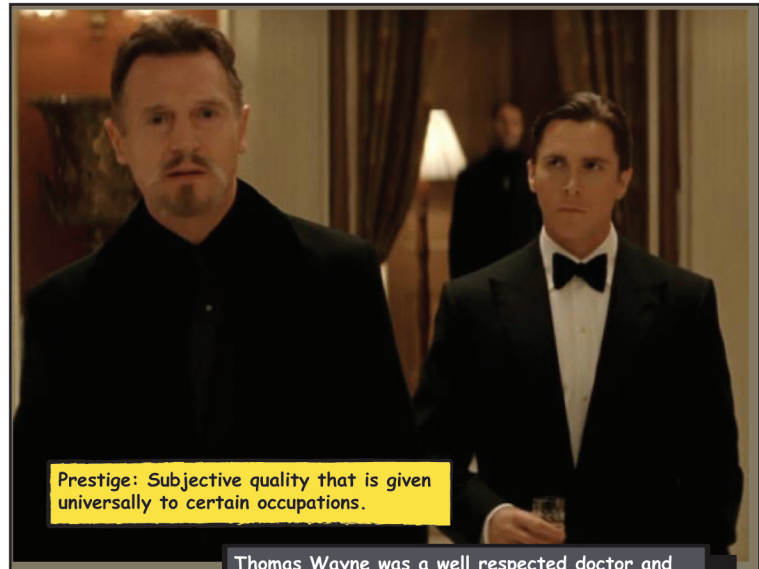


In a society ruled by crime in which no ordinary means of social control seem to prevent crime and deviance Batman and Gordon turn to unconventional methods to bring order to Gotham.



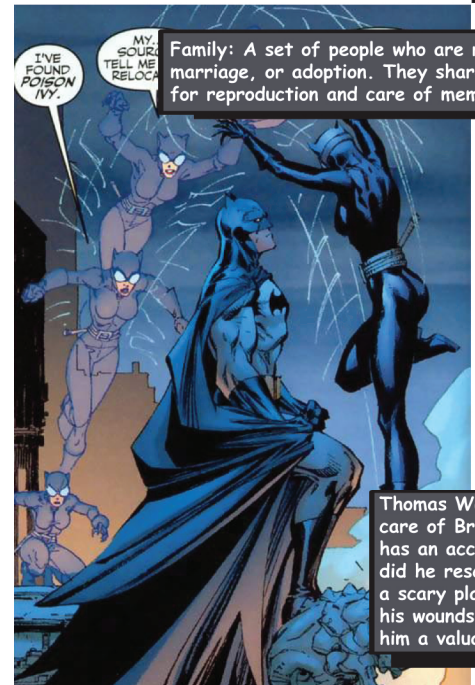
Power: the ability to control the behavior of others, even against their will.

Ra's al Ghul is a man that has immense power. Through the League of Shadows he has dictated the fate of entire cities throughout history.



Prestige: Subjective quality that is given universally to certain occupations.

Thomas Wayne was a well respected doctor and philanthropist, he was very prestigious. Although Bruce is not as prestigious as his father, the name Wayne still carries a lot of respect and prestige among the people of Gotham.



I'VE FOUND POISON IVY.

MY SOURCE TELLS ME RELOCA

Family: A set of people who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. They share primary responsibilities for reproduction and care of members of society.

Thomas Wayne takes care of Bruce after he has an accident. Not only did he rescue the boy from a scary place and healed his wounds, but also taught him a valuable lesson...



"Why do we fall? So that we may learn to pick ourselves up."