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**GANG SLANG, GANG TAGS**

DIRECTIONS: Using information from the article, answer or respond to the following questions &/or statements.

1. What was the initial reason for the formation of street gangs?
2. What are the 4 gang affiliations (or nations) across the US?
3. What are at least 2 things that allow identification of these 4 ‘nations?’
4. How should someone read tattoos and graffiti?
5. What is at least one sign or symbol for each of the 4 gang ‘nations?’ (list the gang & the sign or symbol)
6. What is an example of a simple code?

**CODE WRITING:**

Write your middle name (or your mother’s maiden name if you don’t have a middle name) **in number code** in the space below:

**SYMBOL INVERSION/SYMBOL CHALLENGE:**

In the space provided use the information in the article and give an example of a symbol that a rival gang might post to challenge or disrespect another gang?

**CREATE A TAG:**

Use the materials provided and create your own personal “tag” or symbols that would represent you and your gang ☺☺ On the back of this sheet explain your choices; colors, symbols, words, etc.