**Prescribed Structure 3 – Al Capone**

**Saint Valentine’s Day Massacre:**

* February 14th, 1929 in Chicago
* Mass murder of unarmed, bootlegging gang members (George “Bugs” Moran gang)
* Al Capone’s gang disguised themselves as policemen and pretended to arrest the men
* 1925 “Bugs” had tried to kill Johnny Torrio, Al Capone’s man
* Never officially linked to Al Capone but he is considered responsible
* Marked the end of any significant opponent to Al Capone

**Al Capone’s Life and Avoiding Arrest:**

* Johnny Torrio recruited Al Capone
* Capone was a bouncer at a bar
* William McSwiggin failed to prosecute him
* A man was shot (by Capone) with no witnesses
* Later, Capone’s gunman killed McSwiggin
* He went unpunished again
* Finally he was prosecuted
* In jail for 10 months for concealing a handgun
* 1931 he got 23 years in jail for tax evasion and breaking prohibition
* He moved to Alcatraz but died in hospital later
* He cleverly created plausible deniability and was never charged for the murders or violence
* He only dealt in cash, would get Drs notes, and used bank accounts without his name

**Eliot Ness:**

* American prohibition agent
* Efforts to bring down Al Capone
* Leader of a famous team of law enforcement agents
* “The Untouchables”
* Capone offered him $2,000 to stop ruining his business’ and $2,000 every following week to cooperate

**Antihero:**

* A central character in a story, film or drama who lacks conventional heroic attributes
* Often including idealism, courage and morality
* <https://writerswrite.co.za/heroes-and-anti-heroes-whats-the-difference/>