

Top 10 Most Famous Robberies In History

1. Harry Winston

This robbery was carried out in December 2008. Four men, three dressed like women, entered a jewellery store and forced the working staff to rob it. They stole jewellery worth 108 million dollars.



2. Antwerp Diamond Center



Diamonds that are uncut are made to go through a process that is carried out at the Antwerp Diamond Center. Leonardo Notarbartolo headed a gang which managed to empty out 123 deposit boxes out of 189. The gems they stole were worth 100 million dollars and were never found.

3. United California Bank Robbery

A group headed by Amil Dinsio robbed the United California Bank. They cleaned out the safe deposit vault and managed to remove about 30 million dollars. While this may not seem like too much after going through this list, fact is that this robbery took place in 1972 and this money will probably be worth over 100 million dollars today. Even though the details are not clear, one can safely say that it was a great robbery!

4. Schiphol Airport Heist

This diamond robbery is considered to be the largest of its kind as gems worth over 118 million dollars were stolen. While a majority of these robberies involved fantastic plans and remarkable execution, this one didn't. Their basic plan was to smash, grab and run. Four men carried it out and several have been arrested on the grounds that they were associated with the crime.



5. British Bank of the Middle East



In 1970, a terrorist group called PLO needed money, so they decided to rob a number of banks. The most significant one was the British Bank of the Middle East. They stole gold, current and stocks worth over 25 million pounds which would be worth about 100 million dollars today.

6. Knightsbridge Security Deposit



Valerio Viccei was a well known thief who moved to England from Italy and decided to continue his 'trade'. He, along with his gang, emptied out safe deposits and left the bank with about 174 million dollars. However, he was arrested because he came back to England to get his Ferrari and was sentenced to over 20 years in prison. Unfortunately, he was killed in the year 2000.

7. Baghdad Bank Robbery

This bank robbery was carried out in 2007 in Iraq by 3 guards who worked at the bank. They managed to empty out about 282 million dollars and it has been speculated that they took the help of some militias. The money was never recovered and the media did not think it necessary to cover this robbery as much as they should have.



8. Boston Museum

Two men disguised themselves as police officers and told the security guards at a particular Boston museum that they were doing a routine check. It took 81 minutes and they stole about 12 paintings, which were worth 300 million dollars 20 years ago.



9. City Bonds Robbery

In May 1990, a messenger was carrying bearer bonds when he was mugged. Since bearer bonds are as good as cash, the person who mugged him was quite lucky. The worth of these bonds has been estimated at 292 million pounds at that time.



10. Central Bank of Iraq



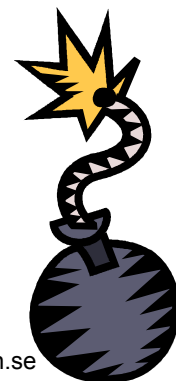
Saddam Hussein felt that the Central Bank of Iraq was his own and that he could withdraw any amount whenever he wanted. He sent his son to withdraw over 1 billion dollars but was soon caught.

1 US Dollar = 7 svenska kronor (2012-01-15)

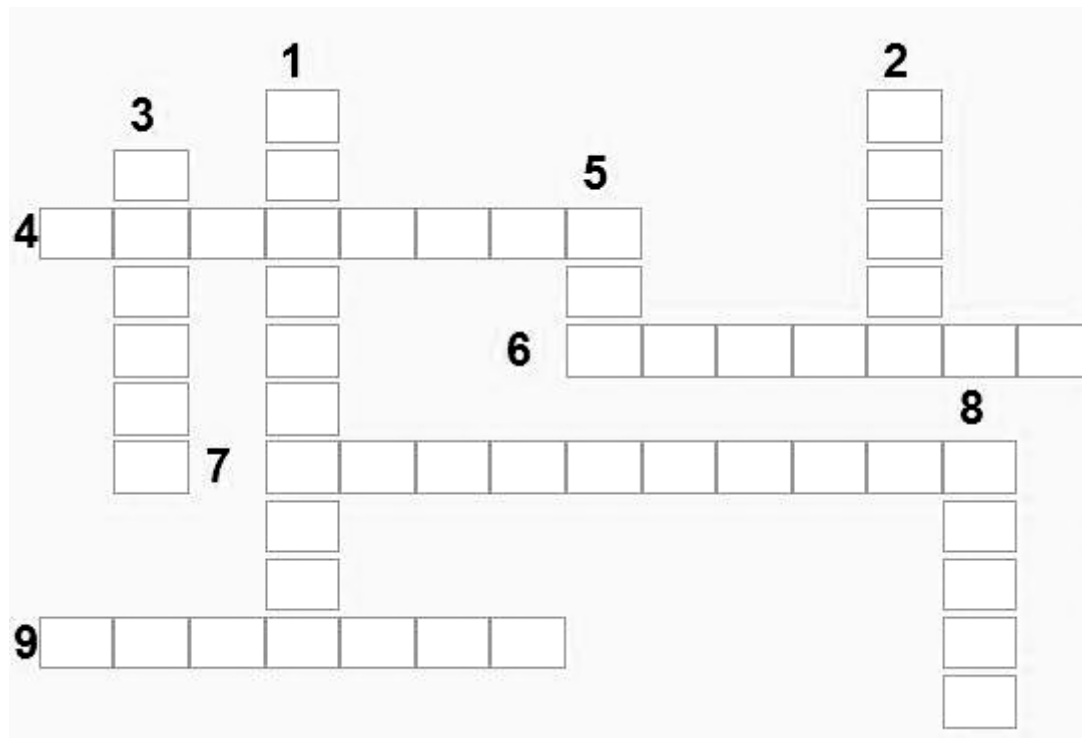
Which robbery?

Choose from the texts on the previous page. Write the right number in the box.
Välj bland texterna på föregående sida. Skriv rätt siffra i rutan.

- A. A great diamond robbery with no remarkable plan, it was just smash, grab and run.
- B. Uncut diamonds were stolen by Leonardo and were never found.
- C. A mugger was lucky stealing bonds worth over 200 million pounds.
- D. Three men dressed as women forced the staff to help them steal jewellery.
- E. The robber was caught when went home to England to get his sports car.
- F. A robbery carried out by a terrorist group.
- G. This bank was robbed by its own guards. They stole over 200 million dollars.
- H. A great robbery taking place a long time ago.
- I. Two police men were doing a routine check. It later turned out they were robbers!
- J. These burglars managed to empty out 123 deposit boxes.
- K. This was a big robbery but the media didn't cover it as much as they should have.
- L. An enormous cash withdraw of 1 billion dollars was stopped.



CROSSWORD: CRIME



1. TAKING A PERSON AGAINST THEIR WILL IS CALLED _____.
2. THE ACTION OF TAKING SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.
3. A _____ IS SOMEONE WHO VIOLENTLY ATTACKS ANOTHER PERSON IN ORDER TO TAKE POSSESSION OF SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO THAT PERSON.
4. A _____ IS A PERSON WHO COMMITS HOMICIDE.
5. THE ACTION OF GOING INTO A BANK AND DEMANDING MONEY WHILE HOLDING A WEAPON.
6. THIS PERSON COMES INTO ONE'S HOME AND TAKES THEIR THINGS.
7. THIS PERSON TAKES YOUR MONEY FROM YOUR POCKET WITHOUT YOU NOTICING AT ALL!
8. THIS IS THE ACT OF STEALING.
9. IF YOU SIGN A FALSE NAME ON A DOCUMENT OR A CHEQUE, YOU ARE COMMITTING _____.

MUGGER	THEFT	PICKPOCKET
KIDNAPPING	MURDERER	BURGLAR
ROB	FORGERY	STEAL

Three famous bank robbers

John Dillinger

(1903 –1934)

Dillinger was an American bank robber. He was charged with, but never convicted of, the murder of an Chicago police officer during a shoot-out. This was his only alleged homicide. His gang robbed two dozen banks and four police stations. Dillinger escaped from jail twice.



In 1933–34 Dillinger was the most notorious of all, standing out even among more violent criminals such as Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Bonnie and Clyde. Media reports were spiced with exaggerated accounts of Dillinger's bravado and daring and his colourful personality. The government demanded federal action and J. Edgar Hoover developed a more sophisticated Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a weapon against organized crime. He over used Dillinger and his gang as his campaign platform to launch the FBI.

After evading police in four states for almost a year, Dillinger was wounded and returned to his father's home to recover. He returned to Chicago in July 1934 and met his end at the hands of police and federal agents who had been informed of his whereabouts. Federal agents moved to arrest him as he left the theater. He pulled a weapon and attempted to flee but was shot three times and killed.

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow

(1910 –1934)

(1909 –1934)

Bonnie and Clyde were well-known outlaws, robbers, and criminals who travelled the Central United States with their gang during the Great Depression. Though known today for his dozen-or-so bank robberies, Barrow in fact preferred to rob small stores or gas stations. The gang is believed to have killed at least nine police officers and committed several civilian murders.



The couple themselves were eventually ambushed and killed in Louisiana by law officers. Their reputation was cemented in America by Arthur Penn's film *Bonnie and Clyde* from 1967.

Bonnie was present at a hundred or more felonies during her two years as Clyde's companion, but she was not the machine gun-wielding killer portrayed in the newspapers of the day. Gang member W. D. Jones was unsure whether he had ever seen her fire at officers.

Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were young and unmarried. They undoubtedly slept together—after all, the girl smoked cigars... Without Bonnie, the media outside Texas might have dismissed Clyde as a gun-crazy punk.

Questions for "Three famous bank robbers"

1. Dillinger was accused of murder. Was he ever convicted? And who was the man they believe he killed?

2. How many banks did Dillinger rob with his gang?

3. Who is Baby Face Nelson?

4. What did J. Edgar Hoover develop?

5. How did Dillinger die?

6. Bonnie and Clyde were accused of murder. How many people did they kill?

7. How did Bonnie and Clyde die?

8. What does "felonies" mean?

9. In what way is Bonnie not a "machine gun-wielding killer"?

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1. Harry Winston

carried out	utfördes
jewellery store	smyckesaffär
force	tvinga
staff	personal
worth	värt

2. Antwerp Diamond Center

uncut	oslipade
carried out	utförs
headed	ledde
manage	<i>här:</i> lyckas
empty	<i>här:</i> tömma
deposit box	kassaskåp
gems	ädelstenar

3. United California Bank Robbery

vault	valv
remove	ta bort/ta
probably	förmodligen

4. Schiphol Airport Heist

heist	stöt
remarkable	anmärkningsvärt
execution	<i>här:</i> genomförande
smash	krossa
grab	ta tag i/ta
several	flera
on the grounds of	på grund av
associated	förknippad

5. British Bank of the Middle East

decide	besluta sig
significant	betydande
current	valuta (pengar)
stocks	börspapper

6. Knightsbridge Security Deposit

trade	<i>här:</i> yrke
along with	tillsammans med
however	dock/emellertid
sentenced	dömdes
unfortunately	olyckligtvis

7. Baghdad Bank Robbery

guard	vakt
managed	<i>här:</i> lyckades
speculated	spekulerats
militias	milis (militärer)
recovered	återfunna
necessary	nödvändigt
cover	<i>här:</i> övervaka

8. Boston Museum

disguised as	förklädda till
particular	särskilt
routine check	rutinkontroll

9. City Bonds Robbery

city bonds	statsobligationer
messenger	budbärare
bearer bonds	skuldbrev
mugged	rånad
since	<i>här:</i> eftersom
cash	kontanter
quite	ganska
estimated	uppskattade

10. Central Bank of Iraq

withdraw	ta ut
amount	summa
whenever	när som helst
caught	fångad/påkommen

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John Dillinger

charged with	anklagad för
convicted	fälld (i domstol)
shoot-out	skottlossning
alleged	påstådda
homicide	mord
a dozen	ett dussin (12 st)
escape	fly
jail	fängelse
twice	två ganger
notorious	ökänd/välkänd
violent	våldsam
such as	som t.ex.
spiced	kryddade
exaggerated	överdrivna
accounts	<i>här</i> : uppräknningar
bravado	bravader
daring	<i>här</i> : mod
government	regering
demand	kräva
federal	statlig
develop	utveckla
investigation	undersökning
campaign platform	kampanjplattform
launch	<i>här</i> : lansering
evade	undkomma
recover	återhämta (sig)
whereabouts	vistelseort/position
attempt	försöka
flee	fly

Bonnie and Clyde

out-laws	fredlösa
the Great Depression	den stora depressionen
though	fastän
prefer	föredra
gas station	bensinmack
committed	utfört/gjort
several	flera
couple	par
ambushed	överfallna (bakhåll)
law-officers	poliser
reputation	rykte
cemented	<i>här</i> : ingjutet
present	närvarande
felonies	brott
during	under tiden/medan
machine gun-wielding	maskingevärs-svingande
portrayed	porträtterad/uppmålad
unmarried	ogift
undoubtedly	utan tvekan/med säkerhet
dismissed	avfärdat
gun-crazy	vapengalen
punk	<i>här</i> : smågangster

