

**Before Viewing**

1. Under what conditions do you think someone should be sentenced to life without parole?
  
2. Should these conditions apply equally to juveniles (anyone under 18) as to adults? Why or why not?
  
3. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights urges rehabilitation for juvenile offenders and prohibits juveniles from receiving life sentences without the possibility of parole. But when the United States agreed to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in 1992, it stated one exception to the prohibition against juveniles receiving life sentences without the possibility of parole: The most "hardened of criminals" would be treated as adults; juveniles receiving such a sentence would have to be "the worst of the worst."
  - a. How would you define the most "hardened of criminals" or "the worst of the worst"?

**While Viewing**

This documentary features 5 juvenile offenders who received life sentences. Summarize TWO of these young men's stories using the organizer below:

Name:	Age:	Name:	Age:
Convicted of:		Convicted of:	
Mitigating Factors?*		Mitigating Factors?*	
Most powerful/surprising/interesting thing you heard this person say:		Most powerful/surprising/interesting thing you heard this person say:	

*\*"mitigating factors" are aspects of the crime or the defendant's background that make the crime more understandable and should lessen the sentence (for example: a child was abused for years and is accused of murdering his or her abuser)*

