Coursework - Marco’s Statement

“I don’t understand this country”

Write Marco’s statement which he gives to police when he is taken in for questioning following Eddie’s death.

Write in first person and try to write in the style of Marco, using appropriate language.

• Give your name, age and nationality.

• Explain how and why you came to America.

• Explain your relationship to the Carbones and say how you were welcomed into Eddie’s home. Were there any early signs of Eddie’s jealousy?

• Explain how you came to realise that Eddie’s feelings for Catherine were not those of an uncle. Give an example of Eddie’s unreasonable behaviour.

• Why did you and Rodolpho have to move out of the apartment?

• Give details of the humiliation of being taken away by Immigration and state why you think it was Eddie who betrayed you.

• Explain how Eddie’s actions have gone against the ‘Italian Law’ and what you did to show your contempt for him.

• Why did you go to find Eddie when you were let out on bail? Why could you not promise Alfieri that you would not kill him? How can you justify your actions?

• What is your opinion of the American law?

    “All the law is not in a book...”

• Has anything positive come out of all this?