# General Conversation In . . .

# 1990s-2000s Baltimore

**Make note of :**

**“The Wire”**

**Idioms *(phrases with hidden meanings*)**

**MANY>The more informal the more idioms.**

**Use of Slang**

**Most def, decomp, aight ‘alright’, beefs (problems) , bro, word?**

**Sentence Structure ( short , long )**

**Sentences were generally shorter.**

**Unique vocabulary you think is interesting**

**Rolling bones, dope and coke, whaddup “Money”? , chalk off,**

**Speed of talking**

**Gangsters spoke faster than the police, very hard to take it in without subtitles.**

**Ease of understanding**

**Compare the gangsters to the police**

**Police were slightly more formal, but still VERY informal when talking to each other.**

**Less idioms, more swearing, more humour on the police behalf.**

1970s New York Informal Deuce

2000s Baltimore Informal The Wire

2000s UK Comedy Semi-Formal

1970s Comedy Formal Fawlty Towers