***WALL STREET* (1987)**

**Oliver Stone’s *Wall Street,* a classic story of power and greed, is the story of how an ambitious young stock broker Bud Fox (portrayed by Charlie Sheen) schemes to become successful by winning legendary corporate raider Gordon Gekko (portrayed by Academy Award winner Michael Douglas) as a client.**

**One of the most memorable and often-quoted scenes of the movie occurs when Gekko delivers his “greed is good” speech at the shareholders’ meeting of one of his hostile takeover targets, Teldar Paper:**

***“The new law of evolution in corporate America seems to be the survival of the un-fittest. Well, in my book, you either do it right or you get eliminated. In the last seven deals that I’ve been involved with, there were 2.5 million stockholders who have made a pretax profit of $12 billion. Thank you. I am not a destroyer of companies. I am a liberator of them. The point is, ladies and gentlemen, that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all its forms – greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind and greed – you mark my words – will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the U.S.A.”***

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| **DIRECTIONS - Answer 7 of the following questions:** |

**1.      What was Gordon Gekko’s personal philosophy dealing with making money on Wall Street?**

**2.      Why did Bud Fox look up to Gordon Gekko?**

**3.      How does Bud Fox’s Dad fit into the plot? How did the Union play into the hands of Gekko?**

**4.      What laws did Gordon Gekko break? Name them.**

**5.      Why does Gordon Gekko target Blue Star Airline? What was going on with the airline at the time?**

**6.      How did Gekko manipulate stockholders? Give two instances where he did so.**

**7.      Did Bud Fox break the law and how? What was the outcome?**

**8.      How did Bud Fox’s life change after meeting Gordon Gekko? Who and what happened to Bud and did he continue to live the lifestyle?**

**9.      How easy was it for a small-time operator like Bud Fox to get caught up with Gordon Gekko’s schemes?**

**10.  Explain the final sting devised by Bud Fox and give its outcomes. Include in your answer the final meeting between Bud Fox and Gordon Gekko. Who got stung the worst?**