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Serial Killer Project

Project Overview

You will be creating a mini-documentary about a specific serial killer. Your documentary will include personal information about the serial killer and information about their crimes. All projects must be uploaded to YouTube and submitted using the link on my website by the due date: _____.

1. Research:

You will select one serial killer from the following list or **other with teacher approval**: You must sign-up for your killer.

Charles Albright	Rodney Alcala	Kristen Gilbert	Benjamin Atkins
Joe Ball	David Berkowitz	William Bonin	Ted Bundy
Richard Angelo	David Carpenter	Richard Chase	Juan Corona
Jeffery Dahmer	Nannie Doss	Walter Ellis	Albert Fish
Kendall Francois	John Wayne Gacy	Janie Lou Gibbs	Ed Gein
H.H. Holmes	Leslie Irvin	Edmund Kemper	Rhonda Belle Martin
Ted Kaczynski	Marie Noe	Marybeth Tinning	Wayne Williams
Aileen Wuornos	Henry Lee Lucas	Dorothea Puente	Gary Ridgway
Robert Pickton			

Research specific questions about your serial killer:

1. What was their childhood like?
2. Were there any precursors? Did childhood behavior reflect problems?
3. What was their adult life like? Did they finish high school/college? Did they marry? Have children? Were they loners? Did they have a job? What job?
4. Were they ever diagnosed with a mental disorder? Did they ever receive treatment?
5. What was the nature of their crimes? What was the time span for their crimes? How many victims? How did they choose their victims? How did they dispose of their victims? What did victims have in common?
6. What led to them getting caught? What was their behavior like when they were caught?
7. Were they found capable to withstand trial? If not, why not?
8. What evidence was used at the trial (forensic evidence, witnesses, etc)? What happened at the trial?
9. What were they charged? What were they convicted of? What was their sentence?
10. Are they still alive? Did they die differently than their sentence? Were they sentenced to death and executed in prison?

2. Mini-Documentary: You will be creating a mini-documentary about the serial killer. Think about the episodes of *Catching Killers* and *Forensic Files* we have watched. They have a mixture of interviews and recreations of crimes and evidence analysis. You may get other family members involved in your video, but **DO NOT** violate shelter in place orders. Your mini-documentary should include the following:

- Have a finished length of 10-15 minutes. You may include credits or bloopers, but these will not count towards your time.
- Include all the information requested above, if available
- You should include pictures and other video clips in your video (other video clips should only make up a small portion of your video time.)
- Video **CANNOT** contain: inappropriate language, nudity, or graphic violence. Videos containing such will receive an automatic zero. If you're unsure, ASK!
- Video must be engaging and interesting. No voices reading over presentations!
- Videos can be live action or animated.
- Videos will be graded according to the rubric.

3. Rubric

Category	Max. Points	Points Earned	Comments
Video length: 10-15 minutes	5		
Pictures and video clips directly related to serial killer	5		
Childhood Information/Precursors	5		
Adult Life	5		
Mental Disorders	2		
Description of Crimes	5		
Getting Caught	3		
Trial	5		
Sentencing	2		
Serial Killer Today	3		
Video was engaging and interesting	5		
Video was of high quality that showed significant thought and effort	5		
TOTAL	50		