Serial Killer Project

For this project, you are going to delve into the world of a specific serial killer. Serial killers tend to be white, heterosexual males in their twenties and thirties who are sexually dysfunctional and have low self-esteem. Their methodical rampages are almost always sexual in nature. Their killings are usually part of an elaborate fantasy that builds to a climax at the moment of their murderous outburst. Serial killers generally murder strangers with cooling off periods between each crime. Many enjoy cannibalism, necrophilia and keep trophy-like body parts as mementos of their work. Serial killers are sadistic in nature. Some return to crime scenes or gravesites of their victims to fantasize about their deeds. Many like to insert themselves in the investigation of their crimes and some enjoy taunting authorities with letters or carefully placed pieces of evidence.

Serial killers tend to prey on women and children of their same race. Prostitutes, drifters and hitchhikers are their victims of choice. Some homosexual killers enjoy hunting young boys and gay men. Female serial killers tend to be "black widows" who kill a succession of husbands, lovers, or other family members. They can also be nurses or other medical professionals who become self-appointed "angels of death" murdering babies, elderly, or the desperately ill in a misguided effort to relieve their suffering. Most serial killers grew up in violent households. As youngsters they enjoyed torturing animals, setting fires and were chronic bed-wetters. As adults, many serial have some type of brain damage and are addicted to alcohol and/or drugs.

**Project Overview**
You will research the historical attributes of a specific serial killer, create a PowerPoint presentation, prezi or emaz, and then present your report to the class. **Remember to be creative and personalize this project!**
1. The Research:
You have been assigned to research the following person:

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Research specific questions about your serial killer:

1) The **background information on the serial killer at a MINIMUM:**
   - When were they born?
   - Where did they grow up?
   - Did they have a normal or a dysfunctional family life?
   - Did they go to school? What grade did they go to?
   - Anything unusual happen in their early years?
   - Did they exhibit unusual or odd behaviors as a child?
   - Were they ever diagnosed with a mental disorder? Did they ever receive treatment?

2) Their **serial killing ways at a MINIMUM:**
   - What was the year of their first killing?
   - Who was the victim?
   - How many victims?
   - How long did their serial killing ways last?
   - Did they have a M.O. or their own signature or style of killing people?
   - Did they have a pattern to their victims (ex. only females)?

3) The **capture & aftermath at a MINIMUM:**
   - When did they get caught?
   - How did they get caught?
   - What were they charged with and sentenced to?
   - Are they still alive today? If so, where are they being held?
   - Were there any other suspects
*** Provide your own theory as to why your individual turned to a serial killer. What happened in their childhood that could have led them to become a serial killer?***

2. The Multimedia Document

Your PowerPoint/ Prezi/Emaze needs to contain the following at a minimum:

- A minimum of 15 total slides. Each slide must be numbered
- A minimum of five photos – one of which must be the person you are researching.
- Answer (in some form) the questions that you are researching.
- A list of references. (last slide)

3. The Presentation

The presentation needs to be 8 to 10 minutes in length. You must bring Ms. Purcell a printed copy of your presentation the day the project is due.
# Serial Killer Research Project/Presentation Rubric

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