

True Crime: Jeffrey Dahmer

I. Introduction: Prolific Serial Killers

1. LANGUAGE ASSIGNMENT: TRIAL PREPARATION: 4 GROUPS

- Research this serial killer further.
- Writing 1: Present a criminal file of the serial killer written as a **police report**. Make an **autopsy report** for at least one victim.
Speaking 1: Present your case to the class as if you were presenting an **opening statement** in court as the **lawyer of the prosecution**. Refer to the evidence.
- Writing 2: Present a **psychological report** as if you were an expert witness in court.
Speaking 2: re-enact an **court interrogation** in court between an expert witness and a lawyer of the prosecution.
- Writing 3: Make a list of **aggravating and extenuating circumstances** for the trial.
Speaking 3: The lawyer from the prosecution hold a **closing statement** about their client. Plead guilty, refer to the evidence and make an emotional plea to convince the jury.

2. Use this information about types of serial killers:

Psychopathy vs. Antisocial Personality Disorder

Mental health professionals refer to the (DSM) Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, to help guide in the treatment of their patients. It describe antisocial personality disorder, or ASPD. This condition describes many serial killers.

*The most obvious indicator of the disorder is a total **disregard** for laws and the social norm. People with ASPD usually have a long history of arrests and are often involved in physical fights. Some are capable of lying so **skillfully** it's hard to know when they are telling the truth. They will also act impulsively, with little care to the safety of themselves or others. Symptoms sometimes begin to appear in their early teens. Adults with ASPD struggle to stay employed according to the DSM. The manual also mentions that the disorder is more common with men than women.*

*Experts describe psychopathy as a **severe** form of ASPD. The difference is, psychopaths have the antisocial behaviors mentioned, but also have additional **traits** such as **lack of remorse** or guilt for their actions. They also **tend to be** highly paranoid, and suspicious.*

*There is a diagnostic tool for psychopathy. The tool is a check list of sorts, of 20 criteria that measure a person's antisocial behavior, and other factors. The highest score is 40, but even at 30 point someone is considered a psychopath. The average score is 4. That means psychopathy is **a continuum**, the way many **disorders** are. It also means most*

psychopaths are not violent or destined to commit murder. A few, however, are at the far end of the scale and are violent. This group may include serial killers.

*Dennis Rader: aka BTK, or "bind, torture, kill" is the epitome of a psychopath. Between 1974 and 2005, Rader killed 10 people in Wichita, Kan. On the surface, he seemed completely normal. He was married, had two kids, served in the U.S. Air Force and held several good jobs. All of that was a facade for the true monster he was. When he confessed to the horrific murders in court, he had no remorse, which stunned observers in the courtroom. Rader is currently **serving** 10 life sentences in a Kansas prison.*

a) Make a list of differences:

Psychopath	Ant-Social Personality Disorder

b) Vocabulary issues: Find an adequate translation:

a disregard		remorse	
skillfully		tend to be	
severe		a continuum	
traits		a disorder	
a lack of		to serve	

Organized vs. Disorganized Killers

The FBI, in 1974, formed the **Behavioural Science** Unit (BSU). One of the first tasks of the BSU, was to interview 36 serial murderers in an effort to understand their motivation and psychology. After these interviews it was determined that serial killers could be classified into three groups:

1. **Organized:** Organized killers plan their attacks methodically, where the planning process itself becomes part of a **consuming** mental fantasy. They choose their victims carefully and may stalk them for extended periods of time. They carry, weapons and **restraints** with them and very rarely kill at the scene where they **encounter** the victim. Instead, they transport their victims to another location, commit the murder, and then dispose of the body in a third location. This makes it difficult for investigators to collect evidence. After a killing, they often follow the investigation in the media.

2. **Disorganized:** Disorganized serial killers plan nothing and often attack suddenly, **without notice**. Their victims hold no symbolic value and have the misfortune of being in the "wrong place at the wrong time." They don't bring a weapon to the crime scene, instead use a weapon they find. i.e.: rock, rope, metal pipe. They don't dispose of bodies, although they often take "souvenirs." Their disorganized behaviour makes it easier for **law enforcement** to track and find them.

3. **Mixed:** Some serial killers **defy** classification. Perhaps they kill occasionally while intoxicated or on drugs. Or, perhaps they fall in with other criminals who are quick to kill. Whatever the circumstances, the FBI created a third **catch-all** category for serial killers who can't be classified **neatly** as either organized or disorganized.

Using this system, the psychology of serial killers becomes a bit more **muddled**. Organized killers, for example, are classic psychopaths and **meticulously** plan their crime and usually kill in a cold-blooded fashion. Disorganized and mixed-category killers can be psychopathic, but can also be psychotic. People who are psychotic lose contact with reality and may have hallucinations or **delusions**.

Experts consider Ted Bundy as the perfect example of an organized killer. His method of killing worked so well he may have murdered up to 100 women. The technique would approach a young woman and ask for car. The woman would then follow Bundy to the car, and when he had the door open, he would attack and restrain her, then drive to another location to play out the final fantasies. Bundy was very charming, charismatic, and had good looks. Which usually put his victims at ease, although a few sensed the evil that was below the less organized. Florida police captured him in February 1978 after a sloppy killing spree that left three more people dead. On January 24, 1989 at 7:06 a.m. local time, Ted Bundy was executed in the electric chair at Florida State Prison in Starke, Florida.

c) Make a list of differences:

Organized	Disorganized

d) Vocabulary issues: Find an adequate translation:

Behavioural Science		to defy	
to consume		catch-al	
a restraint		neatly	
to encounter		muddled	
without notice		meticulous(ly)	
law enforcement		a delusion	

The Holmes and Holmes Serial Murder Typology

A lot of professionals in the field of criminal psychology argue that the BSU's **three tiered** scheme has many limitations. Ronald M. and T. Holmes, authors on numerous serial killer and violent crime books, proposed a new serial murder typology, which organizes killers into 4 main categories:

1. *Visionary killers: feel the need to murder because of visions or messages they receive from angels, demons, Satan or God. Their victims are not related and have no connection.*
2. *Missionary killers: murder strictly a particular group, class, or race of people in an effort to eliminate them.*
3. *Hedonistic killers: get intense sexual **gratification** from their acts. These **hedonistic** killers can be further divided into two categories: lust killers, who derive pleasure before and after the victim is dead, and thrill killers, whose excitement fades as soon as the victim is dead.*
4. *Power or Control killers: who desire **to master** and control their victims completely, including when and how they die.*

Several researcher professionals have analysed the Holmes and Holmes Serial Murder Typology and questioned whether it is **valid** or not. For example, British scientists at the University of Liverpool did an empirical study of the typology and found that the **attributes** of power/control killers actually applied to all of the other listed types of killers. According to these researchers, in other words, the power/control category should be removed completely. Still, the Holmes typology remains a very useful tool in helping to understand the motivations and psychological processes of serial killers.

When psychologists interviewed David Berkowitz after a year long shooting **rampage** that left six people dead and several more wounded, they diagnosed him as a paranoid schizophrenic. Based on the style of his **slayings**, he seemed like a classic visionary killer. He claimed he was driven by demons, saying his neighbours dog told him to do the killings. He eventually gave a full confession, but a few questions remain. Some investigators theorize that Berkowitz belonged to a satanic cult and may not have acted alone. Maury Terry, a newsman who worked the Son of Sam case, believes the attacks were carried out by five gunmen, including Berkowitz.

e) Make a list of types: Describe them in your own words:

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f) Vocabulary issues: Find an adequate translation:

three tiered		valid	
gratification		an attribute	
hedonistic		a rampage	
To master		a slaying	

II. Case Study

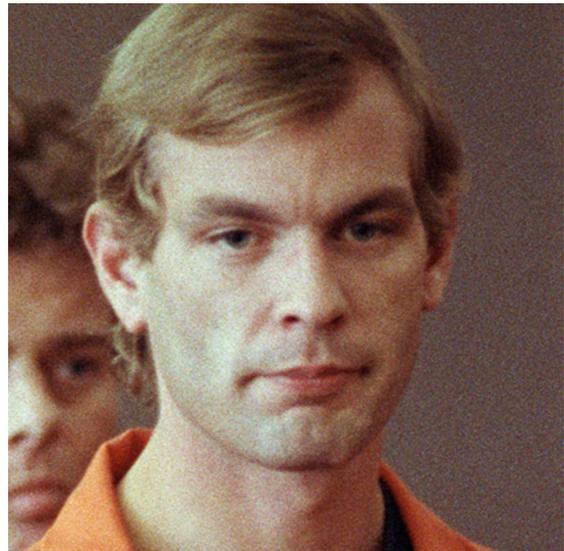
1. Short Bio

Jeffrey Dahmer: The Milwaukee Cannibal:

He was, an American serial killer and sex offender, was born on May 21, 1960. Between the years of 1978 and 1991, Dahmer murdered 17 males. Rape, dismemberment, necrophilia, and cannibalism were involved in his murders. He was beaten to death on November 28, 1994 by an inmate at the Columbia Correctional Institution, where he had been incarcerated.

By most accounts Dahmer had a normal childhood but began drinking heavily in high school. He eventually moved in with his grandmother. His behavior then became increasingly strange. She began finding disturbing things in her home, including a .357 magnum under his bed and a male mannequin in his closet. He continued his fascination with dead animals, dissecting dead squirrels in the basement and dissolving them with chemicals. In both 1982 and 1986, he was arrested for indecent exposure. The strange behaviors led his grandmother to ask him to move out in the summer of 1988.

Once he moved out of his grandmother's, he found an apartment close to his job at the Ambrosia Chocolate Factory. Only one day after moving into his new apartment, he was arrested for drugging and sexually fondling a 13-year-old boy. He was given a sentence of five years probation, one year at a work release camp, and was required to register as a sex offender. He was released two months early from the work release camp and soon moved into a new apartment. Shortly following, the string of murders began and ended with his arrest in 1991.



His first murder was in the summer of 1978. Dahmer picked up a hitchhiker named Steven Hicks and hit Hick in the back of the head with a 10 lb dumbbell. He then buried the body in the back yard, and admitted to killing him because he didn't want him to leave. Nine years passed before he killed again. Steven Tuomi was the second victim, killed in September of 1987. Dahmer picked him up from a bar and later killed him on impulse. The killings occurred sporadically after Tuomi, with two in 1988 and one in 1989.

In 1991, a boy was discovered wandering the streets drugged and confused, he was 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone. The two women that found him called 911; however Dahmer chased after his victim and stated to the police that he was his 19-year-old boyfriend. Without a sex offender background check or age verification, the police handed Sinthasomphone back over to Dahmer. Later that same night, Dahmer killed and dismembered Sinthasomphone and kept his skull as a souvenir.

He began killing around one person each week by the summer of 1991. Dahmer was using the idea that he could turn his victims into "zombies" to have youthful submissive sexual partners. Soon, residents of Oxford Apartments complex began noticing awful smells coming from Dahmer's apartment, as well as loud noises from falling objects.

On the day of his arrest, Dahmer attempted to lure Tracy Edwards into his home. While inside the home, Edwards was forced into the bedroom by Dahmer with a butcher knife. During the struggle, Edwards was able to get free and escape out into the streets where he flagged down a police car. When the police arrived at Dahmer's apartment, Edwards alerted them to the knife that was in the bedroom. Upon entering the bedroom pictures of dead bodies and dismembered limbs allowed the officers to arrest Dahmer. Further investigation of the home led to a severed head in the refrigerator, three more severed heads in the apartment, multiple photographs of victims and human remains and more human remains in his refrigerator. A total of seven skulls were found in his apartment as well as a human heart in the freezer. An altar was also constructed with candles and human skulls in his closet.

After being indicted on 17 murder charges, the trial began on January 30, 1992. Dahmer pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Following two weeks of trial, the court declared him sane and guilty on 15 counts of murder. He was sentenced to 15 life terms, for a total of 957 years in prison.

During his time in prison, Dahmer declared himself a born-again Christian. He served his time at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage, Wisconsin. He was attacked twice during that time. The first attempt, to slice his neck with a razor, left him with only superficial wounds. However, the second attack ended up killing him, and he died on the way to the hospital from severe head trauma.

2. Fact Files

Name & nickname	
Nationality & place of residence	
Time Period	
Number of victims	
Type of victims	
Method of killing	
Other biographical information	
Caught (how?) or not?	

3. Further Resources

Use Murderpedia.org for further information

Biography and Video Link:

<http://www.biography.com/people/jeffrey-dahmer-9264755>

a) Jeffrey Dahmer "The Milwaukee Cannibal: The Film:

http://youtu.be/_7WHSmhx0OQ

'Milwaukee cannibal' is the man of my dreams, says beauty

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Special to The NEWS

Clerk-typist Karen Rasmussen says she's wild about suspected killer Jeffrey Dahmer — and she'd like to meet the man and tell him he has won her heart.

"I don't care what he's done in the past. I know that with just a little love and affection, he could be a wonderful guy," says Karen, 23, who lives with her parents in southern California. "All he needs is someone to care for him and I believe that I am that person."

The softhearted brunette says she discovered her deep feelings for Dahmer — who was arrested and charged with killing, dismembering and eating parts of 17 victims — when she read news accounts of his crime a few weeks ago.

Since then she has written and phoned the prison where he is being held in Milwaukee, Wis.

She says she is trying to get permission to visit the man of her dreams, but so far no authorities have not cooperated. She contacted The NEWS in the hope that a story about her love for Dahmer might convince officials to let her see the man.

"I know that he is not of a mixed-up guy, but he's a real good-looking and I feel

"With a little love and affection he could be a wonderful guy!"



PRETTY brunette Karen Rasmussen says she developed her deep feelings for suspected mass killer Jeffrey Dahmer as she read news accounts of the heinous crimes.

Fury as EC bans fur law

By DAVID GOODMAN

BRITAIN'S 50th anniversary of the end of World War II is being celebrated with a series of events, including a parade in London. However, the British government has announced that it will not be participating in the parade.

The decision was made by the Foreign Office, which said that the parade was "not in line with the values of the United Kingdom."

The parade is being held in London on September 30th, and will feature a procession of military bands, floats, and marching bands. It is expected to attract millions of people.

The British government's decision has caused controversy, with some people arguing that it is a sign of disrespect to the victims of the Holocaust.

THE CANNIBAL

Face of madman who killed 17 and ate them



Torture

Jeffrey Dahmer was a serial killer who lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is known for killing 17 young men and eating parts of their bodies.

Dahmer was born on May 19, 1960, in Milwaukee. He was a clerk-typist at a local business. He began his killing spree in 1978, when he killed a young man named Steven LeRoy.

Dahmer's victims were mostly young men who were looking for a place to live. Dahmer would lure them to his apartment, where he would kill them and eat parts of their bodies.

Dahmer was arrested in 1979, after a neighbor reported a strange smell coming from his apartment. He was charged with the murder of Steven LeRoy and the attempted murder of another young man.

Dahmer was sentenced to 18 years in prison. He was held in the Milwaukee County Jail. He was eventually moved to the Wisconsin State Penitentiary in Joliet, Illinois.

Dahmer was killed by a prison guard on November 18, 1989. He was 29 years old.

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