

Core Skills Analysis

Psychology

- Developed an understanding of criminal psychology by exploring the motivations behind serial killer behavior.
- Learned about psychological profiling and how professionals analyze traits and patterns in serial offenders.
- Gained insights into mental illness and its potential correlation with violent behaviors in criminals.
- Evaluated case studies presented in the podcast, leading to deeper critical thinking about human nature.

History

- Examined historical cases of notorious serial killers, linking them to social and political contexts of their times.
- Understood the evolution of law enforcement tactics in handling serial killer investigations throughout different eras.
- Recognized the cultural impact that infamous serial killers have had on public perception and fear over time.
- Learned about the legal and ethical implications involved in the criminal justice process regarding serial killers.

Criminology

- Explored the classification of serial killers and the methodologies used for categorizing them.
- Analyzed crime scene investigation techniques and the role they play in apprehending serial offenders.
- Discovered the significance of forensic psychology in understanding the minds of serial killers.
- Critically evaluated the media's portrayal of serial killers and its effect on societal views of crime.

Tips

For further exploration, consider engaging the student in discussions on the ethical implications of criminal profiling and the societal impact of sensationalizing serial killers in media. Encourage them to research additional cases and create a presentation on different types of serial killers and their psychological profiles. Recommend exploring documentaries or books that provide a balanced view of criminal cases to broaden their understanding.

Book Recommendations

- [The Anatomy of Evil](#) by Michael H. Stone: A psychological exploration of the traits shared by those who commit heinous crimes and the rationalizations they use.
- [Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters](#) by Peter Vronsky: An in-depth look at the lives of serial killers and the psychological factors that drive their violent behaviors.
- [Mindhunter: Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit](#) by John E. Douglas: An insightful narrative into the development of criminal profiling in the FBI, illustrating how they caught some of America's most notorious serial killers.

Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.7 - Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.3 - Analyze how authors use and refine their arguments over the

course of a text.

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1 - Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts.