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# Serial Killers

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#### Purpose:

- Explore contribution of nature and nurture to the making of a serial killer.
- Use results of research to draw conclusions.
- Use conclusions to help better society.

#### Literature Review

- Books:
  - The Psychology of Criminal Conduct by D.A. Andrew.
  - Born Killers: Childhood Secrets of the World's Deadliest Serial Killers by Christopher Berry-Dee.
  - The Encyclopedia of Serial
     Killers: A Study of the Chilling
     Criminal Phenomenon, From
     "Angels of Death" to the "Zodiac"
     Killer by Michael Newton.
  - A Child Called "It" by David J. Pelzer.
  - The Blank Slate: The Modern
     Denial of Human Nature by
     Steven Pinker.

#### -Academic Journal Articles:

- 'Criminal Destiny: Nature Meets Nurture" by B. Bower.
- "The Search For A Murder Gene"
   by Michael D. Lemonick.
- "Heinous Spaces, Perfidious
   Places: The Sinister Landscapes
   of Serial Killers by Barney Warf.



Pictures from top to bottom:

- Serial KillerTheodoreBundy
- Serial KillerJeffreyDahmer
- Serial KillerJohnWayneGacey, Jr.

## Methodology

- Used various forms of media to acquire background knowledge on the subject.
- Utilized many different resources from experts on this subject.
- Looked at the childhoods of three wellknown serial killers.

### Analysis

- Possibility of a genetic predisposition to violence.
- The home life of the three serial killers contributed to their negative adult decisions.
- Not all childhood abuse cases result in serial killers.

#### Conclusion

- Nature has a small impact on an individual's tendency to become a serial killer.
- Nurture has the greatest affect on individuals.
- Home life and environment are the most influential aspects of nurture.
- A large amount of responsibility is placed on society to prevent the molding of serial killers and help those who have violent tendencies.

