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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.
  - 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.

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 well-known 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.