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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.

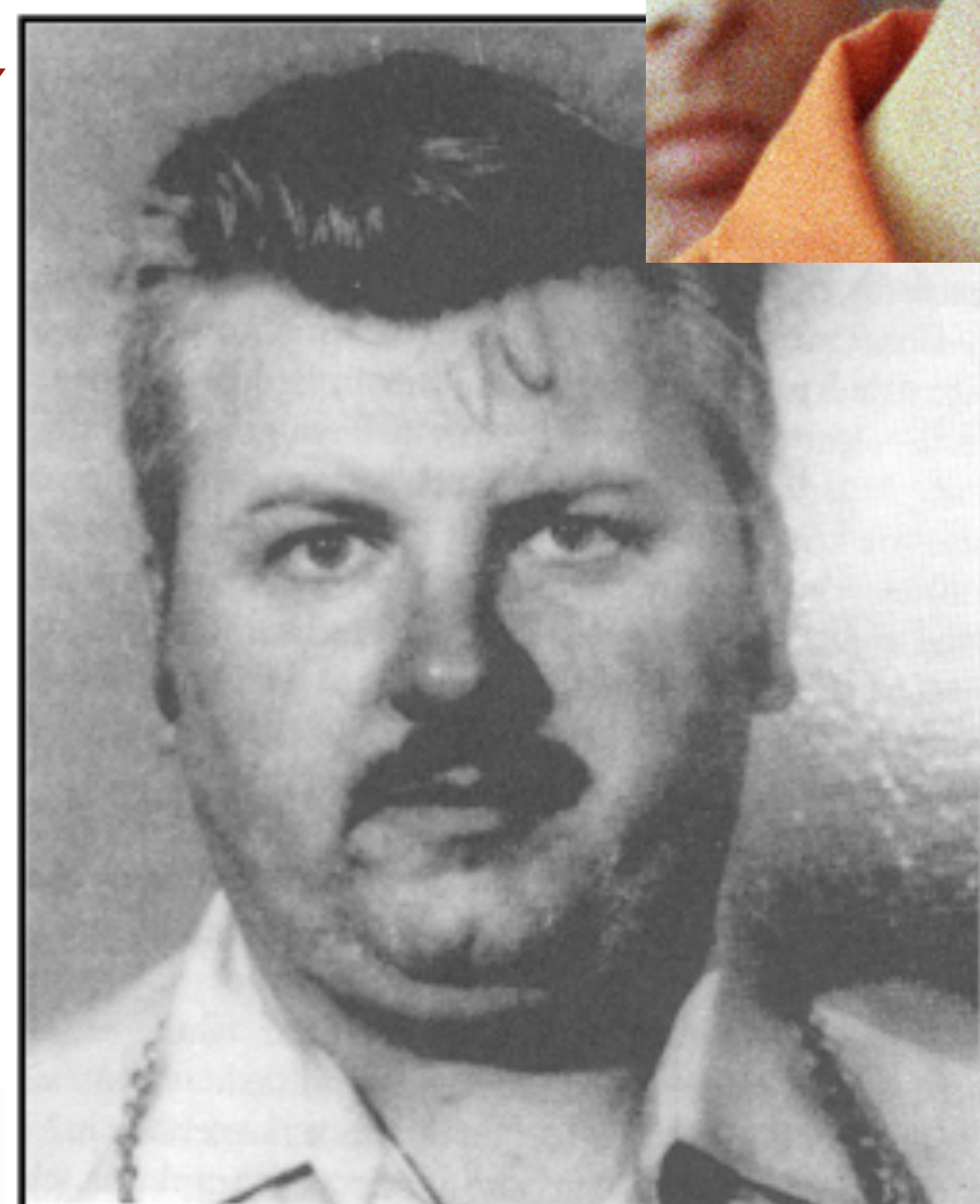
Literature Review

- 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 Killer Theodore Bundy
- Serial Killer Jeffrey Dahmer
- Serial Killer John Wayne Gacey, 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 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.