Jack the ripper

Infamous murderer Jack the Ripper killed at least five people in London in 1888. Never captured, his **identity** is one of English's most famous unsolved mysteries.

From August 7 to September 10 in 1888, "Jack the Ripper" **terrorized** the Whitechapel district in London's East End. He killed at least five people and **mutilate** their bodies in an unusual manner, indicating that the killer had a knowledge of human **anatomy**.

Known for committing **gruesome** murders from August 7 to September 10 in 1888, "Jack the Ripper"—a **moniker** for the **notorious** serial killer, who was never identified—remains one of England's, and the world's, most **infamous** criminals.

The **culprit** responsible for the murders of five women—all took place within a mile of each other, and involved the districts of Whitechapel, Spitalfields, Aldgate and the City of London—in London's East End in the autumn of 1888 was never **apprehended**. Despite countless investigations claiming definitive evidence of the brutal killer's identity, his name and motive are still unknown. The **moniker** "Jack the Ripper" originates from a letter written by someone who claimed to be the Whitechapel butcher, published at the time of the attacks.

Vocabulary

Infamous - *adj.* having an exceedingly bad reputation
identity - *noun* the distinct personality of an individual regarded as a persisting entity; exact sameness; the individual characteristics by which a thing or person is recognized or known; an operator that leaves unchanged the element on which it operates
terrorize - *verb* coerce by violence or with threats; fill with terror; frighten greatly
mutilate - *verb* destroy or injure severely; destroy or injure severely; alter so as to make unrecognizable
anatomy - *noun* a detailed analysis; the branch of morphology that deals with the structure of animals; alternative names for the body of a human being
infamous - *adj.* having an exceedingly bad reputation
gruesome - *adj.* shockingly repellent; inspiring horror
notorious - *adj.* having an exceedingly bad reputation
culprit - *noun* someone who perpetrates wrongdoing
apprehend - *verb* anticipate with dread or anxiety; get the meaning of something; take into custody
moniker - *noun* a familiar name for a person (often a shortened version of a person's given name)