

JACK

THE

RIPPER





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# 20 Useful Phrases to talk about Jack the Ripper

- The body was completely ripped open
- The house is occupied by...
- Fair complexion
- It presents a fearful sight
- Convenience of lodgers
- Ghastly murder
- Dreadful mutilation
- Haggling with a customer
- Ruthless
- Gruesomely torn open
- No indication
- Whetting his appetite still further
- Completely disfigured
- Every murder was violently committed
- Bleeding internally
- The ripper struck again
- Gave the lady no time to squeal
- Ripped open disgustingly
- A cruel and savage murderer
- The crime was committed by J. J. R.

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# The Setting

It all happened in Whitechapel. In a district with a lot of narrow, dark and scary alleyways. The life there was the opposite of comfortable. 80,000 people led miserable lives there and had to fear death because of their poverty.



It was horrible to live in Whitechapel also because of the bad hygiene. One consequence of the bad hygiene was the high mortality-rate of children. More than the half of the whole children who lived there, died before they were five years old.

Children who had the "luck" of surviving didn't even think about school or something like that. They had to help their mothers earn money by washing clothes or sewing clothes for other people.

There were three different classes in this district:

The poor people, the very poor people and the lazy and poor people. The poor people builders, labourers, shop keepers, and sweatshop workers. They always struggled to get along with their money, but they mostly had something to eat and some of them even had their own flat. But in these flats often lived seven people within very little space.

The very poor people never had enough of anything. This class mainly included women and children, who washed clothes, and sew, as I sayed before. But many women also were prostitutes, as they often had no other choice or opportunity.

The people who were poor and lazy often were criminals or 'just loafer. But they never had enough of anything too.

The very poor people who had no flat or any other place to sleep had to sleep on the street. If they had some money left of their work, they could go to a lodging house. This were big rooms where a lot of people could sleep in. Often there were 80 beds in one of this huge rooms.

# Who I think That Jack the Ripper is

I think that Jack the Ripper is Aaron Kosminski because I think that he could make people believe that he is innocent. The fact that he hated prostitutes makes him even more suspicious I think. He also liked to kill, wich means that the letter that he wrote really is true. In the letter you could read that he likes his "job".

Now they found out that his DNA is on a scarf of a victim so there is a proof too. But I think it also could be that there were more than one man involved in this whole crimes. because I belive Emma Smith who said there were three men who attacked her.

Still I have to say the others sound suspicious too so I actually have no idea who this could have been.

Many people slept in doorways or on staircases because they had no money left. This terrible reality was too much for many people. They couldn't stand their poverty so many people drunk a lot of alcohol to escape this dreadful life. They also often drunk because they were in such a desperate situation.

Many londoner never went to Whitechapel because of the dark and scary streets and the strange people sometimes ran around.

Prostitution was the most common job there in those days. The police said there where 1 200 women in 1888 who did this job to survive but as we know the police didn't really care about the situation there so there could have been more prostitutes.

These women often acted out their job in lodginghouses but also in some dark, dirty and ugly allyways where nobody could see or hear anything.

Crime and violence was very common in this district because of the poverty of the people. They often had to steal money to buy themselves food or alcohol.

I think it was very irresponsible of the police to ignore this horrible facts and just do nothing about it.

But then there started a series of crimes and the people had even more fear of death after a couple of attacks on prostitutes. Something nobody would like to think of.

People say that these crimes were all committed by Jack the Ripper. But who was Jack the Ripper? Read on to hear a little more about the victims of Jack the Ripper.

# The Victims

The murderer of the following victims must be very cruel and savage. The mysterious fact that all murders happened within a square mile makes it even scarier. All the murders involved prostitutes and almost every murder was violently and brutal committed. Mutilation was also very common.

## Emma Smith

Emma Smith was a friendly widow, who had a little alcohol problem, and worked as a prostitute.

She was attacked on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1888 early in the morning in Bricklane. Before

the murderer really hurt her, he stole all her earnings. She was badly cut, bruised about the head and bleeding internally. But the worst was that she was still alive after the attack, so she was brought to the hospital where she then, one day later, died. She implied that 3 men attacked her but Emma was in such a bad condition so we will never know if that really is true.

Her death only had little attraction and we will never know if that crime was committed by Jack the Ripper.

## Martha Tabram

Martha Tabram was killed on August the 6<sup>th</sup> 1888, she was a prostitute too and drank a lot of alcohol like Emma Smith. Before she was attacked, she was drinking with a friend in a lodging house. Martha was found in a gloomy staircase in a pool

## Aaron Kosminski

Job: Hairdresser in Whitechapel

Suspect because: He hated prostitutes and liked to kill. Aaron also had homicidal tendencies.

Other information: Nobody believed that he is dangerous because he seemed very innocent.

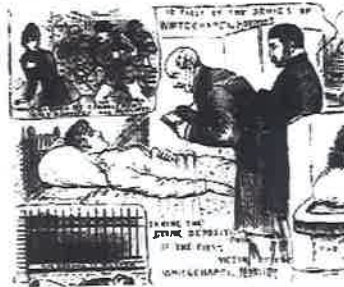


## Michael Ostrog

Job: Trained as a doctor, and had surgical skills

Suspect because: He was convicted before for theft.

Other information: He was Russian and was very intelligent.



# Suspects

## George Chapman



Job: Hairdresser in Whitechapel in 1888  
Suspect because: He was violent to women and he poisoned three women.  
Other information: He actually came from Poland.

## Nathan Kaminsky



Job: Book maker  
Suspect because: He was violent too and was suffering from syphilis.  
Other information: He also came from Poland.

## John Pizer



Job: Boot maker  
Suspect because: He was parttime criminal so he pretended prostitutes to pay him protection money. But he had an impeccable alibi.

Other information: His nickname was Leather Apron.

of blood. The murderer stabbed her in the chest, neck and in the whole body.



## Mary Ann Nichols

Mary Ann Nichols had on the day she was killed no money left to pay the lodginghouse. She went back to the streets to earn some more money. It was August the 31<sup>st</sup> in Buck's row where she was ripped open and her throat was cut. Again nobody saw or heard anything. She was the first official Jack the Ripper victim.



## Annie Chapman

Annie Chapman was murdered on September the 18<sup>th</sup> in Hanbury Street. Before she was killed, she was flagging with a customer in front of a house where 17 people lived in. Half an hour later she was found in the backyard of the house, and her body was gruesomely torn open. None of the 17 people heard or saw anything while the crime was committed. Next to the dead body they found a leather apron with the people think, belonged to the murderer. Till now people ignored this dreadful things but now they started caring about it.



## Elisabeth Stride

On September the 30<sup>th</sup> Jack the Ripper struck again. But not once, twice! The first one was Elisabeth in Berner street whose

throat was cut open and less than an hour later a mile away Catherine 'Goldowes' body was disgustingly ripped open, more cruel than any other before. Even one kidney was taken out of her body.



# Jack's Letter



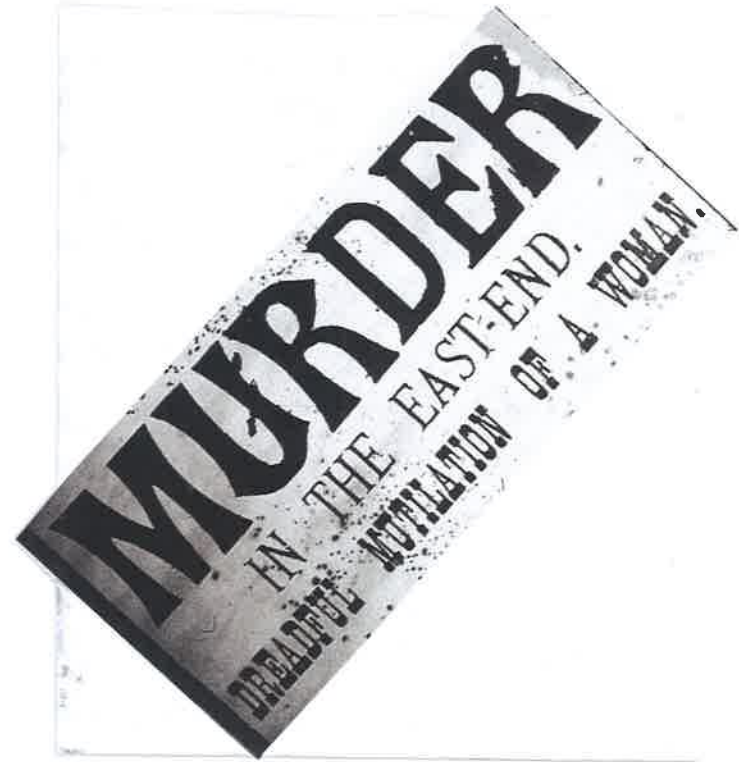
Dear Boss!


I keep on hearing the police have caught me but they wont fix me just yet. I have laughed when they look so clever and talk about being on the right track. I am down on whores and shant quit ripping them till I do get buckled. Grand work the last job was. I gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me now. I love my work and want to start again. You soon hear of me with my funny little games. I saved some of the red stuff in a ginger beer bottle over the last job to write with but it went thick like glue and I can't use it. Red ink is fit enough I hope Pa Pa. The next job I do I shall clip the ears off and send to the police officers just for jolly wouldn't you. Keep this letter till I do a bit more work, then give it out straight. My knife is nice and sharp I want to get to work right away if I get a chance. Good Luck.

Yours truly Jack the Ripper

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# Newspaper article



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Yesterday, on September the 8<sup>th</sup>, a woman was discovered completely disfigured, lying in the backyard of a house in Whitechappel, in Hanburystreet. The body was gruesomely torn open. This was the most dreadful mutilation of a woman that has ever happened in London. We suspect Jack the Ripper to be the committer of this crime.

All we know about the victim is that she worked as a prostitute in Whitechappel. Witnesses told us, that they saw her haggling with a customer, half an hour before her dead body was found in the backyard of the house.

The house, where she was found, is occupied by two families with four and five children, and seven other people. Although there were so many people in this house, nobody heard any noise or saw anything while the crime was committed. The murderer must be practiced at this.

The only indication that was found was a leather apron, which was lying right next to the victim. Investigators believe that the murderer has to be the owner of this apron because nobody else was there when the innocent woman was killed.

Actually there were three other prostitutes killed before in the same neighbourhood but we can't be sure if Jack the Ripper is responsible for these crimes. An occupant of the house, which is located at the scene of crime said: "Three successful murders will have the effect of whetting his appetite still further! All the people are so scared! Since these dreadful things have happened everyone avoids being out alone at night. I think there's no time to lose for the police to do something about it. Till now nobody really has cared for it, but this should be taken serious!" Well, we will do our best to inform you as soon as possible if we know something new about the mysterious killer Jack the Ripper.

We hope this will come to an end soon, because Whitechappel has turned into a place of fear and nightmares.