

## Test your knowledge of serial killers

1. David Berkowitz was dubbed 'Son of Sam' after he wrote a letter to a newspaper. What did the press call him before the letter?

- a. Lovers' Lane Killer     b. Broken Heart Killer     c. .44 Caliber Killer     d. Night Stalker

2. What were Ted Bundy's last words?

- a. "I'd like you to give my love to my family and friends."  
 b. "I wanted this day to come. Thank you."  
 c. "This was all my mother's fault, you know."  
 d. "What I've told you is the tip of the iceberg but now you'll never know the rest."

3. Criminologist Ronald Holmes identified four subtypes of serial killers. Which of these is NOT one of the subtypes?

- a. The Visionary     b. The Oedipus Killer     c. The Hedonistic Killer     d. The Mission-Oriented Killer

4. Police obtained a search warrant for John Gacy's home after what event?

- a. Neighbors reported screams coming from Gacy's house.  
 b. A young man disappeared after meeting with Gacy to discuss a summer construction job.  
 c. Gacy's latest victim escaped and reported the attack to police.  
 d. Police found bloody socks in Gacy's trash can.

5. How did Albert DeSalvo (the Boston Strangler) die?

- a. He was stabbed in his prison cell.  
 b. He died of lung cancer in prison.  
 c. He was executed.  
 d. He was killed by the son of one of his victims.

6. Who was Jack the Ripper's first acknowledged victim?

- a. Mary Kelly     b. Annie Chapman     c. Mary Ann Nichols     d. Catherine Eddowes

7. On February 16, 2005, a Wichita television station received a padded envelope from the BTK Killer. What did the envelope contain?

- a. A letter covered with thumb prints made from red ink.  
 b. A postcard, 4 buttons and a gold barrette.  
 c. A letter, a necklace and a computer disk.  
 d. Cutout letters that spelled Bind, Torture, Kill.

8. America has more serial killers than any other country. According to the FBI, how many American serial killers have there been in the last century?

- a. 100     b. 400     c. 1,000     d. 2,000

9. What serial killer is depicted in the best-selling book "Devil in the White City"?

- a. Ed Gein     b. Tommy Sells     c. HH Holmes     d. Charles Manson

10. Who was Michael Swango?

- a. Scottish physician who poisoned 7 patients and family members.
- b. American physician who poisoned over 30 patients and colleagues.
- c. British physician who poisoned 4 of his wives.
- d. Australian nurse who poisoned 10 elderly women.

11. Nannie Doss, the Black Widow, killed 4 husbands, 2 children, her 2 sisters, her mother, her grandson and a nephew in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the 1920s - 1950s. How did she kill them?

- a. Smothering
- b. Strangulation
- c. Poison
- d. Household 'accidents'

12. Which of these serial killers was the first to be interviewed in-depth by a psychiatrist?

- a. James Bulger
- b. Albert Fish
- c. Ed Gein
- d. Peter Kurten

13. What made Richard Kuklinski (the Iceman) different from most serial killers?

- a. He killed outside of his own race.
- b. He was a transsexual.
- c. He was a Mafia hit man.
- d. He killed his victims with a cross bow.

14. How many young men did Jeffrey Dahmer kill?  a. 17  b. 36  c. 23  d. 8

15. The MacDonald Triad is a set of 3 behaviors many serial killers display in childhood. Which of these behaviors is NOT one of the 3?

- a. Bed-wetting
- b. Impulsiveness
- c. Arson
- d. Cruelty to animals

16. What is the Son of Sam law?

- a. It facilitates cooperation of law enforcement officers across state lines in solving serial murders.
- b. It prevents serial killers from pleading insanity, being 'cured' and then released.
- c. It mandates that serial killers must be examined by at least three expert psychiatrists.
- d. It prevents serial killers from profiting by selling their stories.

17. Richard Ramirez was known by which of these nicknames?

- a. Night Stalker
- b. Green River Killer
- c. Killer Clown
- d. Zodiac Killer

18. Which of these serial killers was born in Iowa?

- a. Michael Swango
- b. Dennis Rader
- c. John Wayne Gacy
- d. Robert Hansen

19. What percentage of serial killers are female?

- a. 2 percent
- b. 5 percent
- c. 10 percent
- d. 15 percent

20. Gary Ridgeway, the Green River Killer, killed between 50 and 90 young women over a period of 20 years in the Seattle area. How did he get caught?

- a. He killed a girl in the woods, his truck got stuck in the mud and he had to call for a tow.
- b. One of his victims escaped and went to police.
- c. DNA analysis of crime scene samples collected earlier.
- d. He confessed to his first wife and she went to police after their divorce.

## Answers to serial killer quiz

1. c

2. a

3. b

4. b

5. a

6. c

7. c

8. b

9. d

10. b

11. c (rat poison and arsenic in their food)

12. d

13. c

14. a

15. b

16. s

17. a

18. d (Robert Hansen was born in 1939 in Estherville. He worked as a drill instructor at the police academy in Pocahontas. He moved to Anchorage in 1967 and killed 21 women there between 1980 and 1983.)

19. d

20. c