JACK THE RIPPER

Instructions: Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer for each question.

Passage

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 mutilated 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.

Questions

What is Jack the Ripper known for?

a) Being a famous detective

b) Committing multiple murders in London

c) Running a popular restaurant

d) Solving unsolved mysteries

During which months did the murders take place?

a) June to July 1888

b) August to September 1888

c) October to November 1888

d) January to February 1888

What does the term "mutilate" suggest about the nature of the murders?

a) The bodies were left untouched.

b) The bodies were altered severely.

c) The murders were quick and painless.

d) The victims were not harmed.

Which area was primarily affected by Jack the Ripper's crimes?

a) North London

b) Whitechapel district

c) West End

d) Kensington

What is the origin of the name "Jack the Ripper"?

a) A nickname given by the victims

b) A letter from someone claiming to be the killer

c) The name of the detective investigating the case

d) A character from a popular book

Vocabulary Section

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate vocabulary words from the list below. Use each word once.

- infamy

- apprehend

- notorious

- moniker

- terrorize

The criminal was known for his _____ acts, which shocked the community.

Many people believe that the police were unable to _____ the true identity of Jack the Ripper.

The name "Jack the Ripper" is a _____ that has become synonymous with unsolved mysteries.

His actions served to _____ the residents of the East End, making them fear for their safety.

Over the years, he has gained _____ for his gruesome murders, becoming a figure of public horror.

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)