Forensic Science
Final Project: Serial Killer Profile Presentation

This presentation will constitute **FIFTY PERCENT (50%) / 50 POINTS** of your final exam.
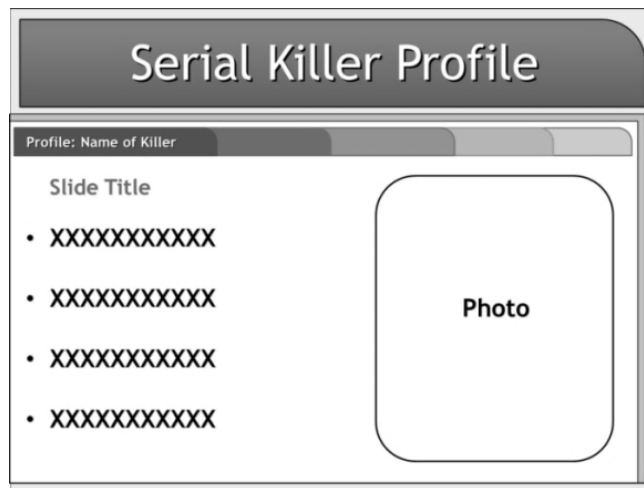**Presentations:** in class on the week of January 4th.
Written Final: Thursday, January 13th (45-50 questions)

Project Description: you will choose a serial killer randomly from a "hat". If you express strong interest in another serial killer that has not yet been chosen, you can submit an appeal with your instructor & the appropriate change will be made.

You will create a **Google Slides Presentation** profiling your assigned killer. To begin creating your presentation:
1) Open up **Google Chrome** & sign in using your school-issued **_gmail account_** (last name, first initial @gardencity.k12.ny.us).
2) Once logged in, open up Google Slides & begin your work. You can design your own slides or choose from a number of pre-set templates.
3) **YOU MUST SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH ME** so that I can monitor your work & give your suggestions. To share, press the "share" icon in the upper right corner of the screen & enter my account: esposito@gardencity.k12.ny.us

Your presentation must be **AT LEAST** 5 slides, each of which incorporates both text AND photos:

1) **_Bullet points_** must precede all statements of text in your slides.
2) **_Do not add too much text!_** You should be able to speak about the serial killer without entirely reading off of your presentation.
3) **_Each slide must have a photo_** that applies to the killer, their crimes, personal history, etc.
4) Be prepared to answer at least one question from your instructor at the conclusion of your presentation, which must be **_5 minutes_** in length.

Presentation Guidelines (slide-by-slide breakdown)

Title Slide: this does NOT count toward your 5 slide minimum requirement!
1) **Serial Killer:** your serial killer's name
2) By: Your Name

Slide(s) 1: Introduction
1) Full name of the serial killer.
2) Dates of birth & death (if applicable).
3) Nicknames (if any) given to them by the media or by themselves.
4) A general introductory statement that addresses the following:
   ➢ Why is the individual infamous?
   ➢ Location (town, city, etc) in which his/her crimes were committed.
   ➢ Dates during which the serial killer was active.

   Introductory Statement Example: "Jeffery Dahmer is known for murdering, sexually abusing, & consuming the bodies of his victims in the Wisconsin area from 1978-1991"

Example of an Introductory Slide:

Slide(s) 2: Personal History
1) Childhood history
   ➢ Where were they born? Where did they grow up?
   ➢ What was the nature of the household in which they grew up? (loving, violent, religious, etc)
   ➢ Education level?
   ➢ History of experiencing any physical or sexual abuse? If so, by whom?
   ➢ Any "peculiar" behaviors (e.g. animal torture, bed-wetting, etc)
2) Adult history
   ➢ Residency as an adult?
   ➢ Work / military history? (if any)
   ➢ Prior crimes before killing spree?
   ➢ Personal interests?
   ➢ Any miscellaneous details of interest?

Slide(s) 3: Psychological Profile
1) Description of their social skills
   ➢ Outgoing or antisocial?
   ➢ Did the individual suffer from low self-esteem? If so, why?
2) Did this person suffer from substance-abuse?
3) Describe any delusions, fantasies, or beliefs that this person subscribed to (ex. Charles Manson's "helter-skelter").

Slide(s) 4: Killings
1) Dates or general time frame the killer was suspected to be active in the murders.
2) How many people did they kill (suspected &/or confirmed)?
3) Describe the killer's methods for the capture AND killing of their victims.
4) Demographic of victims (did this individual target people from a specific group or gender?)
5) Describe the killer's motivation (what drove them to kill? Why did they target a specific group?)
6) Did the killer taunt investigators or attempt to interfere with the investigation in any way?

Slide(s) 5: Capture & Sentencing
1) When & where was the killer caught?
2) How was the killer caught?
3) Details of their criminal trial:
   ➢ Pleas
   ➢ Verdict
   ➢ Sentence (number of life terms, death sentence, etc).
4) How they died (if dead) or current age.

*For each slide, _you do not have to mention every single point listed in the outline_ if it does not apply to your serial killer. For example, when organizing Slide #2, if there was no history of physical or sexual abuse in your killer's background DO NOT MENTION IT!

Works Cited Slide: this does NOT count toward your 5 slide minimum requirement!
1) You must use **AT LEAST THREE WEB SOURCES** when doing your research.
2) **YOU MAY NOT USE WIKIPEDIA!!!!** Use **EasyBib** to prepare your citations in **MLA format**.

Work Schedule
Each day we spend in the computer lab, you will log onto your school-issued **_gmail account_** (last name, first initial @gardencity.k12.ny.us) to access your presentation & continue working.

I can monitor IN REAL TIME how much work you accomplish each period through my master account, so make sure that you make the most of your time!

You should **AT LEAST** complete the following each day:
DAY 1: general research on your serial killer. You can print out any documents you need for reference in making your presentation.
DAY 2: Complete your introductory slide(s).
DAY 3: Personal History slide(s) & Killings slide(s)
DAY 4: Psychological Profile slide(s)
DAY 5: Capture & Sentencing slide(s)

*Failure to complete the bare minimum for each day will result in a 5 POINT DEDUCTION for your overall presentation grade.

Completed presentations will be due at the end of fifth period next **_Friday, December 18_**.
Presentations will begin in class on **_Thursday, January 4_**.
The presentation order will be **RANDOMLY DETERMINED** unless you elect to present on a given day.
Failure to present by **_Monday January 11_** may result in a **ZERO**.