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Mind of a Serial Killer Video



Video Questions

1. What has happened to U.S. murder rate since 1960?
2. Why has the solution rate for homicide decreased from 1960 to 2000?
3. What is the objective of the FBI Investigative Support Unit?
4. What are some of the common denominators of serial killers?
5. How can profiles for unknown offenders created by investigators help police?
6. What did the symmetrical placing of the earrings around the victim, who was a teacher, indicate?
7. What was the common profile for the victims of the 1982 Atlanta murders?
8. Who was the main suspect identified in the 1982 Atlanta murders through hair and fiber evidence?
9. Who were the target victims of the many murders in Rochester in March 1988?
10. Why was the 5th victim in the Rochester murders so important?
11. What is victimology?
12. How was the 6th victim in the Rochester murders so unique from the other victims?
13. What did the investigators' initial analysis lead them to believe about the perpetrator? (ex. age characteristics, skills?)



14. What types of victims do serial killers usually choose early on?

15. True or false? There is no psychological formula for creating a serial killer.



16. How did the police eventually catch the person responsible for the Rochester murders?

17. What brought Arthur Shawcross over the top and eventually led to his confession of the murders?

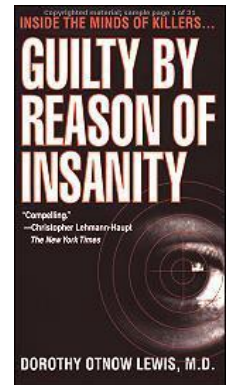
18. What did Shawcross say when he was asked why he killed the girls?

19. What was the one thing that was incorrect about the FBI's profile of Shawcross? What did they claim was the reason for this error?

20. What 2 things must the defendant prove in order to be found insane?

21. Are most serial killers found to be legally insane?

22. How did the jury find Shawcross?



23. Serial killers are by definition _____ killers who learn from their own _____.

Post-Video Opinion Questions

24. Dr. Lewis mentioned that Shawcross had a cyst in the right temporal lobe of his brain, which has been found to be involved with animalistic behavior. In addition, Dr. Lewis also writes in *Guilty by Reason of Insanity*, her book about Shawcross, that he was found to have an extra Y chromosome. This extra Y chromosome has often been linked with increased violence in males. With these facts in mind, do you think Shawcross should have been found to be insane? Why or why not?

25. Some argue that killers who have been placed in jail should not be given the chance for parole or rehabilitation. They claim that these killers can never recover and will return to their old ways once again if set free. Others argue that with sufficient rehabilitation, these people can be changed so that they can be released back into society. They claim that many of these people suffer from mental disorders that can be taken care of through proper treatments. What do you think should be done about killers who are placed in jail? Should they be allowed to undergo rehabilitation and be released? Why or why not?