

Year 11 to 12 History Transition Activity 1

Title: What does the case of Jack the Ripper tell us about life in Victorian London?

Activity: Write a brief report or presentation about one aspect of life in Victorian London. It could be about policing, law and order more generally, the life of women, poverty in Whitechapel, the Victorian press or another aspect of your choosing. The important thing is that it is a historical enquiry and not a 'whodunnit' or an attempt to identify the Ripper. It is also important that you use some primary sources in your presentation.

You will get feedback on the level of your historical analysis and the use of sources in your report.

Here are some useful on-line resources for you:

The National Archives: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/education/jacktheripper.pdf>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2cgrwx/revision/5>

BBC History Magazine: <https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/your-guide-to-jack-the-ripper/>

Active History: https://www.activehistory.co.uk/Miscellaneous/free_stuff/jack/jack.htm

Women:

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=2fuODwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=jack+the+ripper&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiF87nc6b_pAhWla8AKHZ70BMAQ6AEISTAE#v=onepage&q=jack%20the%20ripper&f=false (This is an important new book that focuses on the victims rather than the perpetrator)

National Geographic Magazine: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/magazine/2018/09-10/jack-the-ripper-murders-mystery-history/>

Policing:

<https://www.jack-the-ripper.org/metropolitan-police-1888.htm> (with other information on the website)

BBC Documentary on iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0003wdk/jack-the-ripper-the-case-reopened>

Google Books is a useful way of accessing longer texts about a topic.

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The East End:

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=g5D4YEPorncC&printsec=frontcover&dq=jack+the+ripper&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiBuKiP6r_pAhXR0VwKHb4rBsE4ChDoAQguMAE#v=onepage&q=jack%20the%20ripper&f=false