Serial Killer Research Paper

Choose a serial killer from the following list to research and write a paper on:

* David Berkowitz
* Ian Brady
* Myra Hindley
* Ted Bundy
* Albert Fish
* John Wayne Gacy
* Ed Kemper
* Charles Manson
* Richard Ramirez
* Peter Kurten
* Henry Lee Lucas
* John Christie
* Ed Gein
* Jeffrey Dahmer
* Albert Desalvo
* Andrei Chikatilo
* Ted Kaczynski
* Mary Ann Cotton
* Marybeth Tinning
* Nannie Doss
* Dorothea Puente
* Jack the Ripper
* Fritz Haarmann
* Wayne Williams
* Nicolas Claux
* Arthur Shawcross
* H.H Holmes
* Vlad Dracula
* Aileen Wuornos

Research Specific Questions that you should answer in your paper:

1. What is a serial killer?
2. What was their childhood like?
3. Were there any precursors (things that happened when they were a child that would have foretold what they would be)? Did childhood behavior reflect problems?
4. What was their adult life like? Did they finish high school/college?
5. Did they marry? Have children? Were they loners?
6. Were they ever diagnosed with a mental disorder? Did they ever receive treatment?
7. What was the nature of their crimes? What was the time span for their crimes? How many victims?
8. What was their behavior like when they were caught? Were they sorry for what they did or celebrate it?
9. Were they found capable to withstand trial?
10. What were they charged with and sentenced to?
11. Are they still alive? Or did they die differently than their sentence? Or were they sentenced to death and executed in prison?
12. What factors in their childhood and teenage years attributed to his or her behavior?
13. Is it genetic, hormonal, biological, or cultural conditioning?
14. Does the serial killer have any control over his or her desires?
15. What type of serial killer is he or she?
16. Why did he or she choose his or her method of killing?
17. Do you think that the jury made the right decision?
18. Was he or she truly rehabilitated? Is it possible to rehabilitate a criminal?

Other Required Items:

* 5+ pictures – at least one of which is your person
* All works cited within the text
* Bibliography page

Basic Paper Requirements

* Reasonable font – size not above size 12
* Double spaced
* 3 to 5 pages of research paper (not including pictures)