**Title:** A Simple Analysis of Dexter’s Victims

**Method:**

* Materials:
  + <http://dexter.wikia.com/wiki/Dexter's_Kill_List>
  + <http://www.dexterwiki.com/page/Dexter's+Victims>
  + <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/death_row/dr_executed_offenders.html>
  + <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1415/FDC_AR2014-15.pdf>
* Procedure

**Table Headers:**

Victim Table:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **name** | **age** | **sex** | **occupation** | **num\_victims** |
| … | … | … | … | … |

Last Words Table:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **name** | **last\_words** |
| … | … |

**Occupation Changes**

* Medical: nurse, EMT, psychiatrist, prosthetist
* Law & order: lieutenant, cop, marine, security, district attorney, detective, sergeant, vigilante
* Professional criminal: drug dealer, drug kingpin, fencer of stolen goods, hitman, gang member, immigrant smuggler
* Art: photographer, sculptor
* Auto related: valet, car wrecker, truck driver, mechanic
* Sales: exercise equipment sales, real estate agent, car salesman
* Owner: tavern owner, owner of sports equipment stores, motel owner
* Academia: criminal justice prof, teacher, college tutor
* Sports: boxer, youth center coach
* Sanitation, maintenance & repair: carpenter, tree trimmer, dead animal pickup, groundskeeper, cable guy
* Inspector: fire inspector, building inspector
* Performance: magician’s assistant, carnival worker
* Office work: clerk

**Visualizations:**

Things that symbolize Dexter:

* Knife
* Blood
* Blood slide
* Plastic wrap
* Syringe
* Black gloves
* Green shirt

Viz Ideas

* Forensic spray to reveal blood word cloud of last words
* Multiple blood slides to represent the average number of victims’ victims
* Multiple syringes filled with blood from a cheek underneath the bar chart representing age and sex

To Do

* Clean up occupation
* Create visualizations
* Analyze last words
* Write article

**Article Brainstorming**

Topics to touch on

* Comparison between Dexter’s victims last words and the last words of prisoners on death row
* Age and sex demographics of Dexter’s victims
* Occupational demographics of Dexter’s victims

Questions to address

* Was Dexter biased with regard to who he killed
* Did he mostly target people who fit a similar demographic criteria to himself
* How did his victim demographic compare to the demographic of people on death row
* What are the differences in the themes of the last words between Dexter’s victims and criminals on death row
* What do you suppose are the reasons for these differences