

## Outline:

- Provide description of main character
- Provide descriptions of each suspect, weapon, and location
  - Suspects:
    - The Professor:
      - Quirky, scatter-brained
      - In an unspecified department
      - Tall, with white hair, large glasses
      - Enjoys taking long walks around grounds
    - The Pre-Med Student
      - Intense, focused, doesn't take jokes well
      - Majoring in chemistry
      - Short, but only because they hunch due to an extremely heavy backpack
      - Bounces from dining hall to library and back again
    - The First-Year
      - Perky and excitable, one could say over eager
      - Always has their hair in a tight ponytail
      - Considers themselves an authority on all things UVA
    - The English Major
      - Tall, blonde, outgoing and friendly
      - Spends most of their time outside reading Jane Austen and drinking iced coffee
      - Very observant (has a clue the player can use)
      - Has a history with another suspect?
    - The CS Major
      - Laid-back and easy-going
      - A bit clueless
      - Tall, squinty from looking at a screen all day
      - Thinks Rice Hall is the best hall (but they haven't been anywhere else either)
  - Locations:
    - The Rotunda
      - Grand and imposing
      - One could say cold?
    - Rice Hall
      - Who knows what really goes on here
    - Shannon Library
    - The Amphitheatre

- New Cabell Hall
- Weapons:
  - The Milton Anthology
  - The Laptop
  - Poisoned O'Hill Food
  - Cav Man's Sword
  - The Brick
- Introduce murder and victim
  - Victim:
    - An annoying first-year student perhaps?
- Allow player to explore via choices (make them sticky choices so you can revisit as needed)
  - Allow them to visit the various locations
- Allow the ever-present option to make an accusation

#### Story Draft:

It was a bright, sunny, spring day at the University of Virginia. The flowers had just begun to bloom, and student tours had just started encroaching on university students' well-being, when the discovery of a body ruined the atmosphere. You arrived on the scene at the behest of Timothy Longo and company, who had no hope of unraveling the mystery. Continue on to discover your character and the identity of the victim.

#### **Your identity**

As the best detective in the greater Charlottesville area, you were quickly called to the scene. Not only do you have an immaculate case solving record, but as a university alum you are familiar with the area. You arrived at the scene determined to keep your record of having no cold cases.

#### **The Victim**

##### **The Prospective Student**

While on their 8<sup>th</sup> tour of Grounds, a prospective UVA student was killed

A 14-year-old prodigy who graduated high school alarmingly early. Outfitted with freckles, big glasses he spends a copious amount of time on Grounds to "acclimate" to the environment, excited to finally attend his dream school

Often seen with a UVA map and a blue tote bag

Though it was a complicated case, you weren't nervous about the outcome at all. In fact, after just a few minutes of exploration you are able to compile a short list of suspects and weapons that could have been used to commit the crime.

Click on each suspect, weapon, and location to learn more.

## **[SUSPECTS]**

### **The Professor:**

With a shock of white hair and wide-rimmed glasses, the quirky professor has been at UVA for as long as anyone can remember. No one is quite sure what department he teaches in, but students and faculty alike can recognize his lanky frame on his numerous walks around Grounds any day. You tried to ask him some questions but halfway through he began to meander away.

### **The Pre-Med Student:**

Constantly complaining about the fact that they have to take Organic Chemistry and that they have to study for the MCAT, the pre-med student spends most of her time with her face hunched over her Apple ecosystem, drawing and taking notes until they fall asleep. She remains convinced that no one has ever gone through anything harder than her. She has no time for your questioning.

### **The First-Year:**

Eager and bouncy, the first-year student is a self-proclaimed expert on all things Plato. You can recognize them if you hear a nasal voice say, "actually in my Plato class last semester..." They try to help with your investigation because they are also a self-proclaimed expert on UVA. (They totally think that Newcomb has the best food on Grounds)

### **The CS Major:**

If they even choose to emerge from Rice Hall, the CS major is laid-back, easygoing, and slightly squinty. They'll talk to you for a few minutes but will be eager to return to the dark room they call home.

### **The English Major:**

Bubbly and enthusiastic, if not a little pretentious, the English major spends most of their time doing their readings wherever is closest to iced coffee. Trained to analyze texts, she is very observant and may be able to help you.

## **[WEAPONS]**

### **The Milton Anthology [DONE]**

Heavy, very heavy. A tome documenting every time Milton put pen to paper in his sixty-six long years of life, a life almost as long as the book itself. A hit in the head with this anthology is very fatal indeed. Signs of this weapon include paper and cardboard.

### **The Laptop [DONE]**

Sleek and silver, the laptop holds someone's schoolwork from their entire time at UVA. Not sure how this could be used to kill, but our murderer is very creative. Signs of this weapon include broken glass and a charger.

### **Poisoned O'Hill Food**

Though UVA dining's food may seem hazardous enough, poisoned it is a death sentence. Once ingested, this weapon can kill in as quickly as five minutes. Signs of this weapon include crumbs, stray napkins, and a green to-go box

### **Cav Man's Sword [DONE]**

Cav Man may be UVA's beloved mascot, but his sword remains deadly. In the wrong hands it could definitely be used to kill. Signs of this weapon include metal and parts of Cav Man's costume.

### **The Brick [DONE]**

Plucked right from the lawn, the brick is an old-school weapon. Timeless, one could say. It is unnecessary to say how detrimental a brick could be to one's living. Signs of this weapon include clay and dust.

### **[LOCATIONS]**

#### **Rice Hall [DONE]**

Home to all things CS, Rice Hall is a very nice building, for some. There is not much to say about this location because what goes on here is irrelevant. You wonder

If you should even check it out

Or if you're positive that there's nothing going on there

You suppose it doesn't hurt to check it out and you across from the Einstein Bagels you see a backpack with a small piece of paper on it with a riddle on it. The paper reads:

*Where students gather, sit, and hear,*

*Stone steps rise in a circle near.*

Beside the paper you see Cav Man's head and broken pieces of metal.

#### **The Rotunda [DONE]**

The quintessential image of UVA, the Rotunda is the last place a murder would take place, or is it? That's for you to decide. Upon entering this location, you find the dome room to be quiet and

completely empty. On the floor you find a stack of papers that could contain clues, what do you do?

Pick up the papers and read through them

Go back to Newcomb, there doesn't seem to be anything here

When you pick up the papers you find a petition to ban tours on Grounds. A petition that has 57 signatures. You place the petition in your pocket and decide to

Continue through the space, looking for more clues

Return to Newcomb there isn't anything else to find

As you continue through the dome room you find traces of clay and dust.

Satisfied you decide to return to Newcomb.

### **Shannon Library [DONE]**

Quickly and quietly renamed, Shannon library has become a university wide favorite for studying. With high ceilings and big windows, it seems like the ideal place for reflection and/or meditation on class work. While walking through the stacks you find a stack of books on a hidden table. What do you do?

Keep walking

Look at what books they are

You look through the stack and find that they're just books that haven't been reshelfed. annoyed, you continue walking. As you walk, you notice broken glass and a charging cable still plugged into the wall.

After you walk past the books, you see flyers on the printer advertising a new UVA trivia competition. "Prove you deserve your spot on Grounds! Let's see who knows the most about Dear Old UVA" You decide to

Look closer at the flyer

Go back to Newcomb

The flyer is perforated at the bottom with strips advertising the location of the event. Unfortunately, there were none left, and you were unable to acquire one for yourself.

Frustrated but not discouraged you head back to Newcomb.

### **The Amphitheatre**

The only outdoor location, the amphitheater is also very UVA, with steep curving stairs it could be the ideal place to push someone over. At first sight there doesn't seem to be anything of note, but do you

Walk down the steps

Head back to Newcomb to comb through the clues you do have

While walking down the stone steps to the grass, you find a discarded UVA map, do you,

Pick up the map as evidence?

Keep walking down the steps?

When picking up the map you find the amphitheater circled and “TRIVIA!” written in juvenile handwriting.

You continue down the stairs and find a pile of napkins and green to-go box lying open on the ground. Very curious. You return back to base.

**New Cabell Hall [DONE]**

One of UVA’s many confusingly built buildings. Here many English and language majors mill about going to class and doing other things. If someone was killed here it would definitely be noticed. While walking down the hall you see something in a study room that catches your eye. As you stop to look you pause should you

Go through someone else’s stuff?

Or should you go back to Newcomb?

Once you decide that in the name of solving crime being nosy is acceptable, you rifle through the folders and notebooks on the desk. As you do, you find a list of trivia questions written in riddles. Amongst the notebook and the folders, you find a piece of cardboard and miscellaneous papers filled with poetic verse. You take the riddles and go back to Newcomb

**[some extra facts]**

Here you have compiled a list of alibis and extra information.

1. The Rotunda dome room was closed on the day of the murder.
2. The first year was seen pasting fliers near an open-air.
3. The CS major has a major role in UVA football games.
4. The English major is known to enjoy solving and writing riddles.
5. The Professor is able to print for free on Grounds
6. The Pre-Med enjoys studying in quiet, dome-like spaces.
7. the victim loved to show off their UVA knowledge.