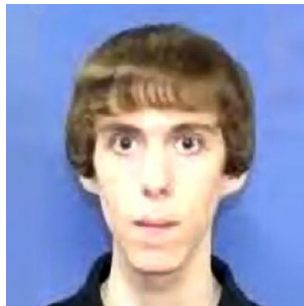




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## Adam Lanza

Murderer

Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 first-graders and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 14, 2012, before shooting himself.

### Synopsis

Born on April 22, 1992, Adam Lanza is believed to have shot his mother, Nancy Lanza, in the head at her home in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 14, 2012, before traveling to the nearby Sandy Hook Elementary School, where he shot and killed 20 students between the ages of 5 and 10, and six adult workers. According to police reports, Lanza then turned the gun on himself, fatally shooting himself in the head.

**NAME**  
Adam Lanza

**OCCUPATION**  
**Murderer**

**AKA**  
Adam Lanza

**FULL NAME**  
Adam Peter Lanza

### Background

Adam Peter Lanza was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, on April 22, 1992, to Nancy and Peter Lanza, who had married nearly a decade earlier, on June 6, 1981. Adam had one brother, Ryan Lanza, who was six years his senior. Nancy Lanza, a longtime gun enthusiast, reportedly filed for divorce from her husband in December 2008. Thereafter, Peter Lanza reportedly relocated to Stamford, Connecticut, and agreed to pay an annual alimony of \$240,000 with periodic increases. Adam Lanza, 16 years old at the time of his parents' divorce, was described early on by classmates as "fidgety" and "deeply troubled." According to some of his friends and family members, he had also been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome.

### Sandy Hook Elementary Shooting

Adam Lanza is believed to have shot his mother, Nancy Lanza, in the head at her home in Newtown, Connecticut, around 9 a.m. on December 14, 2012, before taking her car and driving approximately five miles to the Sandy Hook Elementary School, where he shot and killed 20 students between the ages of 5 and 10, as well as six adult workers. According to reports, most of the shooting occurred in two of the school's first-grade classrooms; 14 students in one classroom, and six in the other, were murdered. Only two of the victims who were shot by Lanza—both teachers—survived the attack.

According to police, after firing between 50 to 100 shots, the 20-year-old Lanza then turned the gun on himself, fatally shooting himself in the head as responders began arriving on scene, around 9:50 a.m. The motive for these senseless killings was unclear.

Nearly a year after this tragic incident, the police released their report on the shootings. The report detailed, among other things, what investigators found in Lanza's home. There were numerous weapons as well as ammunition. Lanza also had a number of books and articles on other mass killings. But all of this evidence still did not provide a clear picture as to why he decided to target the Sandy Hook Elementary School or what led him to go on this murderous rampage.

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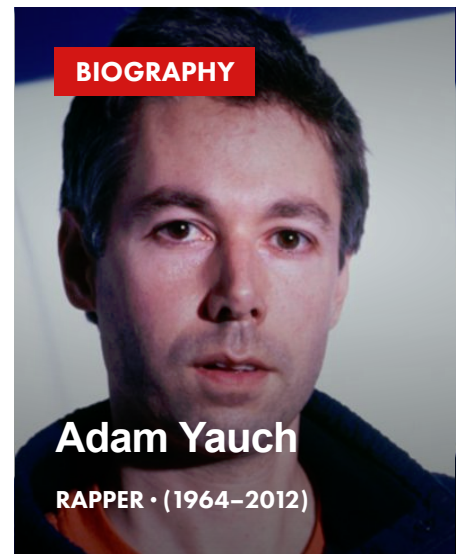
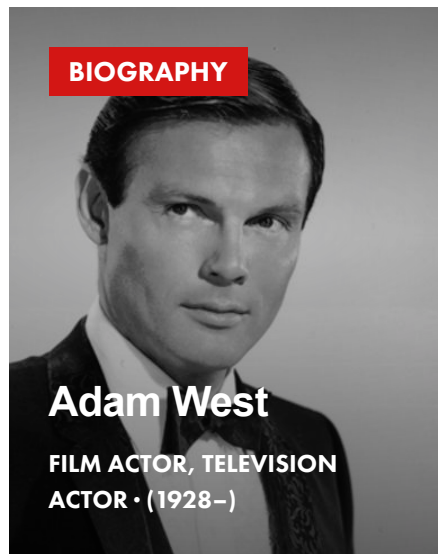
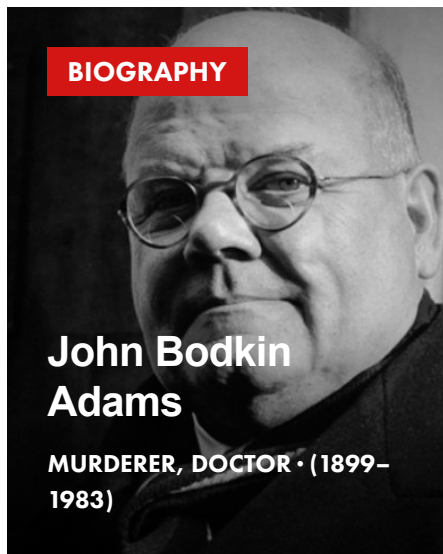
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