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# Jack the Ripper is still one of the most talked about serial killers of all time, though it has been over 100 years since the time of his activity in London. The author of “Jack the Ripper” (Brian Innes) in the collection of articles *Serial Killers:* *The Stories of History's 50 Evilest Murderers* postulates that we will never find out who the real Jack the Ripper was. He uses many examples to support his claim including the style of letters, timing of certain people being in the areas, and other evidences that point to possible suspects, but none of the evidence was enough to convict any one person or vindicate suspects.

# Jack the ripper killed only prostitutes, had a very telling way of killing his victims, and was never caught. He would cut their throats to near decapitation and usually do a little digging around inside their bodies, sometimes take organs with him. There were five murders that are positively attributed to his Jack the Ripper but other murders happened around the same time and place that could have possibly been his doing.

# The police were not very successful in catching Jack, they were looking for someone with medical or anatomical knowledge, since the Ripper seemed to be comfortable cutting people open and playing around with their innards.

# The author claims that no one will ever be able to prove who Jack the Ripper’s real identity, that the identity will never be established. His reasoning was largely due to too much evidence that could be possibly attributed to different killers, and too much information that could have been faked, like some of the letters that were sent to important people signed by Jack.

# Jack the Ripper qualifies as a villain for many reasons, as he was a person who was cruel or malicious and was involved in or devoted to crime or wickedness (Dictionary.com). He seemed to enjoy his work and, for some unknown reason, he wanted to be noticed. He wanted people to know that he was the same person doing this crime as the last. He taunted officials by sending bits of people he murdered and wrote letters, covered in victim’s blood, teasing and instilling fear into those that read them. News agencies of the time gave him much notoriety.

# A villain is more than a criminal or a law breaker. A villain is someone that has been driven to extremism either through some kind of mental disorder or some ideology. A motive always accompanies a villain, a motive that contains no compassion or empathy to the ones he harms.

# Jack the Ripper stands out as a villain as he seems disturbed to action and enjoys the harming others, both bodily harm and to harm the population around him through fear.

# Dictionary.com. “villain”. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/villain> Web. Accessed on January 25, 2015.