

Case nº:

The Origin of Psychopaths

Psychology CCA





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Defining psychopaths

Definition

- APA dictionary of psychology
 - n. a former name for an individual with antisocial personality disorder
- Not an official diagnosis
 - falls under the umbrella of **antisocial personality disorder (ASPD)**.
- Comes from the German word *psychopastische*, first used in 1888, meaning suffering soul



*Can you think of any
traits of
psychopaths?*

Signs of PSYCHOPATHY



inability to distinguish
right and wrong



lack of empathy
and remorse



manipulating and/or
hurting others



behavior that conflicts
with social norms



disregard for safety
and responsibility

Traits of a Psychopath



Narcissism



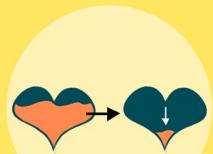
Lack of guilt



Antisocial behavior



Impulsivity



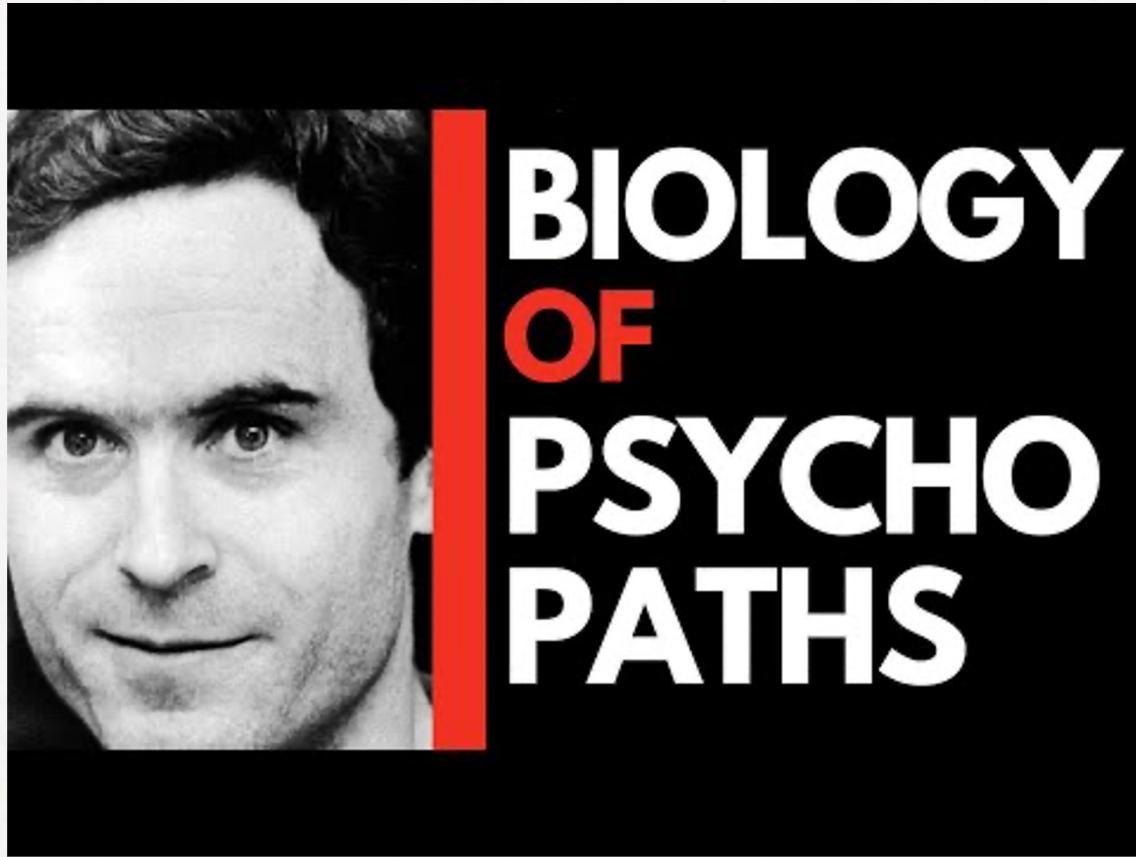
No empathy

verywell



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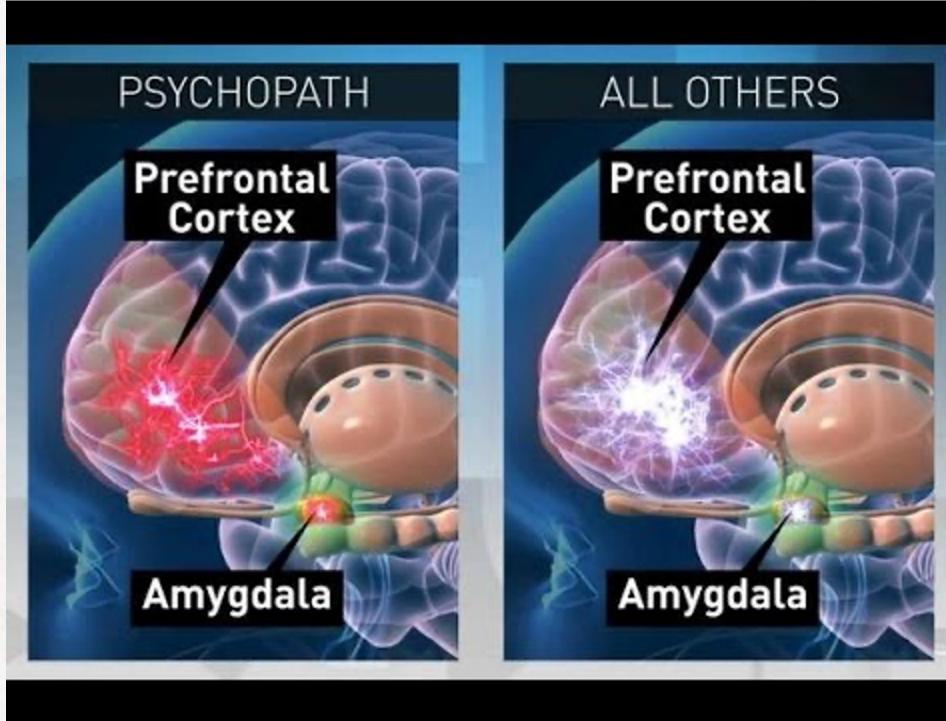
Development of Psychopaths



Environmental factor

- Experience of early developmental problem
 - Childhood neglect
 - Childhood abuse
 - Trauma...
- Not every people with psychopathic brain shape develop into a serial killer
 - combination of genetics and developmental environment
 - case of neuropsychologist James Fallon:
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-neuroscientist-who-discovered-he-was-a-psychopath-180947814/>

Can you treat psychopath?





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Case studies

Psychopath in history

**Alexander Yuryevich
Pitchushkin**

Russian serial killer



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Psychopaths in Movies

AMERICAN PSYCHO





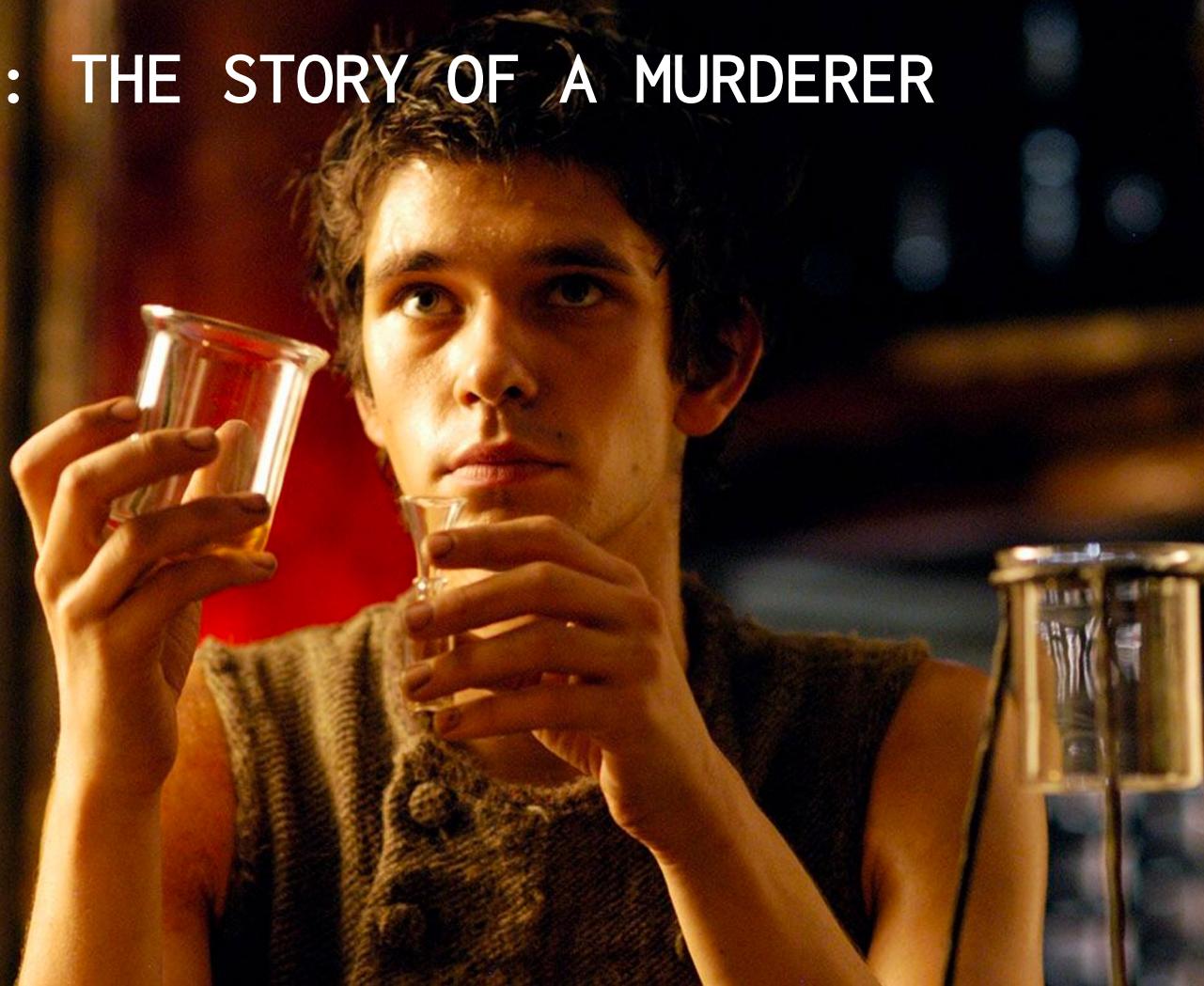
Patrick Bateman (27)

Good looking Wall street investment banker BUT also a narcissistic/sadistic serial killer

- Compulsive liar, charming, obsessed with his own appearance



PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER

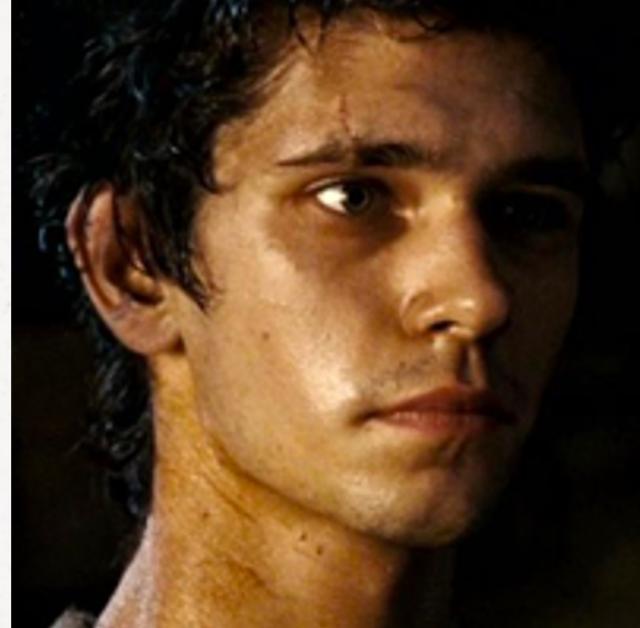




Jean-Baptiste Grenouille (37)

Psychopathic character who kills several women to ‘collect their scents’

- Lack empathy/emotions, driven by impulses





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Sociopaths vs Psychopaths

Comparing Psychopaths and Sociopaths

Psychopaths

- Lack of empathy and conscience
- Inclination towards violent/impulsive behaviour
- Typically highly intelligent/charming
- Grandiose of self-worth
- Unable to form emotional attachments

Sociopaths

- Lack of empathy, guilt, remorse
- Behave in impulsive ways
- Prone to anger/rage
- Often charming/charismatic
- Manipulation
- Difficulty following rules

**ARE YOU A
PSYCHOPATH?**



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