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Jack the Ripper Murders

- ❖ Jack the Ripper is a pseudonym or the name used for the killer who terrorized London in 1888. This unidentified killer had killed at least five women and also mutilated their bodies. The particular style in which the killings took place points to the fact that the person had a substantial knowledge of human anatomy.
- ❖ The culprit was never captured or identified. All the killings took place near the Whitechapel district of London's East End, from August 7th to September 10, 1888.
- ❖ The Whitechapel district during the 19th century was notorious for squalor, violence and crime. Prostitution was only illegal if it caused public disturbance and thousands of brothels and low rent lodging houses crowded the streets of Whitechapel district.
- ❖ Jack the Ripper murders were events of sadistic butchery. The murderer mutilated and disemboweled his victims, removing organs such as kidneys and uterus and his crimes seem to portray abhorrence for the entire female gender.
- ❖ All the five murdered women were prostitutes. The five victims were Mary Ann Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes and Mary Jane Kelly. They are known as the 'canonical five' and their murders that took place between 31st August and November 1888 are often considered to be linked.
- ❖ The attacks /murders suddenly stopped after September 1888 and these murders still remain an unsolved mystery.
- ❖ Jack the Ripper has also been nicknamed as the 'Whitechapel Butcher' and 'Leather Apron'.