CRIMINOLOGY A
Unit 3 Study Guide

Terms and People:

Classical Theory of Criminal Behavior: The Enlightenment
Jeremy Bentham: Neoclassical
Biological Theory of Criminal Behavior: Hot-Blooded Crime
Franz Joseph Gall: Phrenology
Father of Modern Criminology: Charles Darwin (physical characteristics)
Mesomorph (most likely criminal): Endomorph
XYY “Supermale”-inconclusive: Hypoglycemia-mixed results
Serotonin-lower levels: Act-focused and Process-focused
Disorganized and Asocial: Psychopathic
Ed Gein: Charles Manson
Dennis Rader (BTK): Jeffrey Dahmer

Cesare Beccaria: Free Will/Choice Theory
Cesare Lombroso: Ectomorph
William Sheldon: Organized and Nonsocial
Ted Bundy: Psychotic

Topics and questions:
1. What are the key principals to the philosophical approach known as the Classical Theory explaining criminal behavior?
2. Under the Free Will Theory, what are the key points and also the solutions to criminal activity?
3. How have biological factors increasing the likelihood of crime been identified over time through physical characteristics?
4. What general areas are connected with the study of biological factors influencing the likelihood of crime?
5. What were early theories of explaining criminal behavior like from both Franz Joseph Gall and Cesare Lombroso?
6. What has been learned through more recent studies involving the biological influence on criminal behavior?
7. How do we define a serial killer and what are the different classifications of serial killers that we use?
8. What are the general characteristics that can be identified for most serial killers in the U.S.?
9. What is the difference between a psychopathic and psychotic killer? What are other motivations for serial killers in the murders?
10. What three warning signs are included in the Terrible Triad identifying potential serial killers?
11. What seven phases are experienced by most serial killers and how does one stage follow another?
12. What are important characteristics that can be identified for the five infamous serial killers identified in class?

Other Resources:
Most Evil video worksheet:
1. What were the 3 main factors identified in this video for increasing the likelihood of a killer and how does the analogy of gun powder and a fuse relate to them?
2. What specific area of the brain when damaged can cause people to act out in a violent way and what type of action is prohibited through this region of the brain?
3. What is the most effective research tool used by experts in understanding the actions of these serial killers?
4. What emotion do most serial killers seem to lack allowing them to commit these violent crimes?

Monster Within: Jeffrey Dahmer video worksheet:
1. What types of fantasies drove Jeffrey Dahmer to commit the crimes he did?
2. What types of acts did Jeffrey Dahmer commit to “keep” his victims with him even after he had killed them?
3. What defense to Dahmer attempt to use during his trial and how long was he sentenced to prison for? What has happened to Jeffrey Dahmer since this prison sentence?