



'Ripper' Suspects Investigation



By now you should have an idea about the type of person 'Jack the Ripper' was. The police never arrested anyone for the murder – but did they have any leading suspects?

1. Type the URL: <http://www.crimelibrary.com/jack/jackmain.htm>
2. Using the website take a look at the five main suspects in the 'Jack the Ripper' case. Use the different sections of the website to fill in the blank boxes next to the photographs of the main suspects on this sheet.



Prince Albert Victor



Montague Druit



Michael Ostrog



Aaron Kosminski



George Chapman

The Local Connection

In 1992, Michael Barrett, a scrap metal dealer from Liverpool, found a diary reputedly written by a cotton broker named James Maybrick who died in 1889. Maybrick was a frequent traveller to London. In this diary, Maybrick confesses to being Jack the Ripper. For over 100 years, scholars wondered why the Ripper murders had begun suddenly in August of 1888 with the murder of Polly Nichols and then stopped just as abruptly in November of that same year with the murder of Mary Kelly. The diary, if it was real, provided the answer. Maybrick's death in 1889 would explain why the murders ended when they did. While Maybrick was never a suspect during his life, his alleged diary focused an enormous amount of scrutiny on him after 1992. Many experts analyzed both the diary and the life of James Maybrick. It is thought highly unlikely that he was Jack the Ripper.

