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KEY DEFINITIONS

Residuum – Victorians believed in the existence of the a “criminal underclass”.

Doss House – Basic cheap accommodation, where customers paid to rent a bed for the night.

CID – Criminal Investigation Division, placed in Scotland Yard.

Hoax letters – False letters claiming to be from Jack the Ripper.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF UNIT

This unit explores the area of Whitechapel between 1870-1900. It focuses on the environment, considering how living conditions, accommodation and poverty can have an impact on crime. We will compare the different roles of the “police constables” and the CID, examining the difficulties they experienced policing the East-End. Additionally, we will consider the Jack the Ripper murders and evaluate the police response.

KEY SKILLS

* Inference skills
* Causation
* Source utility
* Interpretations
* Making informed judgements

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING ABOUT IN UNIT 5?

The historic environment:

Whitechapel, 1870-1900

KEY FACTS

* Whitechapel was a very poor area in the East-End of London.
* Thousands of Russian Jewish immigrants lived in the East End, they had fled from persecution in Russia.
* An area called Flower and Dean Street, was rumoured to be the worst street in London.
* Pubs such as the Ten Bells, were regularly visited by prostitutes trying to get business and criminals.
* Jack the Ripper could be called a “serial killer”, most historians agree that he killed at least five women.

TIMELINE

1870 Edmund Henderson appointed Police Commissioner.

1877 Trial of the Detectives, corruption uncovered in the Detective Branch.

1886 Charles Warren replaces Henderson as the new Police Commissioner.

1888 (Autumn) –Jack the Ripper murders.

1888 (Nov 9th) – Mary Kelly is murdered, to many the final victim of Jack the Ripper.