

**1. Fill in the words to complete the song**

grief thoughtless upon declare courted  
harm murdered deed gore unlawful

It's William Corder, it's my name

I brought my friends to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
shame

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ passions caused my fall

And now my life must pay for all.

Come, all you (3) \_\_\_\_\_ young men

A warning take by me

And think (4) \_\_\_\_\_ my unhappy fate

To be hanged upon the tree.

My name is William Corder

To you I do (5) \_\_\_\_\_

I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Marten

Most beautiful and fair.

With heart so light

She thought no (7) \_\_\_\_\_

To meet him she did go

He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ her all in the barn

And laid her body low.

And after the horrible (9) \_\_\_\_\_ was done

She lay weltering in her (10) \_\_\_\_\_

Her bleeding, mangled body he buried

Beneath the red barn floor.

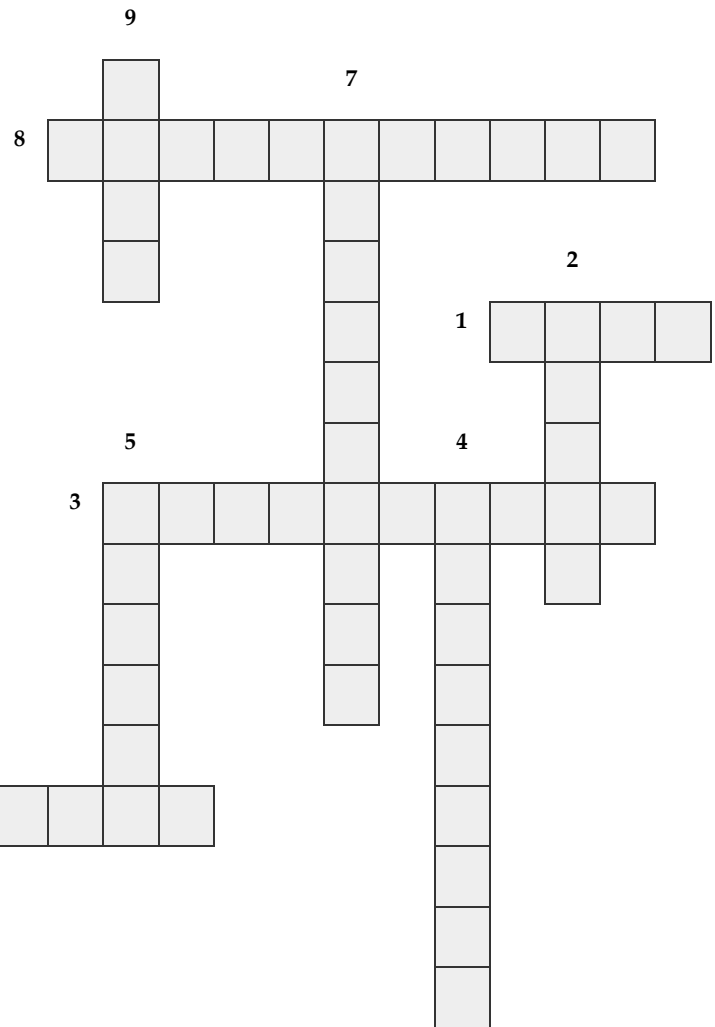
**2. Match the names with the things that represent them**

- A. Portcullis
- B. Dock
- C. Tincture
- D. Cradle



### 3. A crossword

1. What was William Corder's nickname?
2. What was Thomas de Quincey addicted to?
3. Frightening, terrible.
4. What force was founded in 1842?
5. Who investigated the Marris' case? (only a surname)
6. Where did the murder of the Marris take place?
7. A puppet whose arms and legs are moved by pulling strings.
8. Wild and noisy disorder.
9. A thing discovered by Charles Horton.



#### Key words

Detective  
 Foxy  
 Horrendous  
 Horton  
 Marionette  
 Maul  
 Opium  
 Pandemonium  
 Wapping

### 4. Decide whether the statements are True or False

1. In 1811, the writer Thomas De Quincey was renting a cottage from his neighbor, the poet William Wordsworth. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Timothy Marr's wife, Celia, had recently given birth to their baby boy. \_\_\_\_\_
3. News spread quickly thanks to newspapers that were bought by all people because they were rather cheap. \_\_\_\_\_
4. John Peterson was a ship captain from Germany. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Thomas de Quincey was addicted to opium and spent a lot of time in a sort of crazy dream. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Opium was illegal in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Maria Marten had an illegitimate child. \_\_\_\_\_
8. In the 1820s, the most theatrical way of telling the story of notorious murders was melodrama. \_\_\_\_\_
9. William Corder was sentenced to death for beheading, and it took him a long time to die. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The story of Muder In The Red Barn was turned into a poem. \_\_\_\_\_
11. William Corder's crime created a weird industry in what we might call murder souvenirs. Anyone could buy a ceramic model of the red barn. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Maria Manning was woven into a love triangle, and it was approved of by people. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Maria was arresting in Edinburgh. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Maria Manning became known as the Lady Macbeth of Bermondsey and inspired Charles Dickens. \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Match the characters with their descriptions to make sentences

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| 1. The prison guards | a. had travelled abroad and stayed in stately homes               |
| 2. Thomas de Quincey | b. found John Williams' body hanging from an iron bar in his cell |
| 3. Maria Marten      | c. initially pleaded not guilty, but later on, did confess        |
| 4. William Corder    | d. was fascinated by murder and murderers                         |
| 5. Maria Manning     | e. lived on the edge of the village with the family and the child |
| 6. Frederick Manning | f. was addicted to opium  |
| 7. Charles Dickens   | g. had been a guard on the railways                               |

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4.
  1. False (from his friend)
  2. True
  3. False (only by affluent people because newspapers were quite expensive)
  4. False (he was just a sailor)
  5. True
  6. False (opium was legal)
  7. True
  8. True
  9. False (he was hanged)
  10. False (into music)
  11. True
  12. False (it was scandalous)
  13. True
  14. True
  
5.
  1. B
  2. F
  3. E
  4. C
  5. A
  6. G
  7. D

