**Psychology 120: Week #6 Assignment** “Profiling a killer”

You have been studying personality theory, disorders, emotional intelligence. Police often depend on forensic psychologist to profile the mind of criminals whose actions are so uncivil that they want to know they “why” behind these actions. We are definitely not professionals, but maybe we can have some theoretical fun. Read and respond to the following article. Use your research and try to diagnose a **psychoanalytical, developmental and Behaviorist response**. Include as much information as possible to show your understanding. You must include at least three psychologist to support your answer.

“They smelled too bad,” was a quote from Ed Gein who claimed that he would never have intercourse with any of the dead bodies he dug out of their graves. What he did take interest in however, was skinning the corpses and wearing them. On other occasions, he would collect various body parts and using them as decorative items at his homestead in Wisconsin. For example a suit made of human skin, a belt made out of female nipples, a lampshade made out of a human face, a refrigerator filled with human organs, vulvas in a shoebox, and many others including noses, skulls, heads, and a pair of lips on a drawstring. This grave robber was perversely fascinated with his deceased mother and the intimacy of female body parts. In 1957, he was arrested and tried for the murder of Bernice Worden, although he also confessed to killing at least two others but was not charged due to cost issues according to the judge in his case. Gein pled not guilty under reason of insanity and was deemed legally insane. In modern day pop culture, Gein served as character inspirations to a myriad of famous horror movie franchises. Gein tops the list for being most notorious due to the film industry’s obsession with Gein, immortalizing him in seemingly literal depictions of his character such as Leatherface in “Texas Chainsaw Massacare” and Buffalo Bill in the “Silence of the Lambs” who were fond of grotesque dismemberment and skinning of their victims.

What would Freud and Behaviorist say? Think of the Pleasure principles and defense mechanisms. You may also want to include a developmental psychologist like Erikson, Maslow or Alfred Adler. Answer should be about 1 page in length. You will enjoy this a bit more as you refer to research (movies, documentaries or internet searches)