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## Unmasking the Zodiac Killer: A True Crime Mystery

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The Zodiac Killer's letters and ciphers added to the mystery by providing cryptic messages and taunts to the public and law enforcement. For example, the 340 Cipher was a major puzzle that remained unsolved for decades, intensifying the intrigue.
2. Law enforcement faced challenges such as a lack of clear leads, the killer's ability to blend in, and the vast geographical area of the crimes. They also had to deal with the killer's cryptic messages, which made it difficult to discern his motives or identity.
3. The Zodiac Killer may have been able to avoid capture due to his ability to blend in with the general population, the lack of forensic technology available at the time, and his unpredictable patterns. Additionally, his cryptic messages created confusion and diverted investigators' attention.
4. The motivation behind the Zodiac Killer's crimes remains unclear, but some theories suggest a desire for attention and power. His taunting letters to the media could indicate a need for recognition or a desire to create fear in the public.

