

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER FOR ACTIVE READING

Lord Randall

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Mystery!

People of the Middle Ages enjoyed piecing together the meaning of a ballad as it was sung or recited. In "Lord Randall," we are never told what happened to Lord Randall. We therefore must make inferences based on the clues provided in the ballad. As you read "Lord Randall," list the clues that help you solve the mystery of the poem. Then complete the graphic by providing your analysis of "whodunit."

Clues: _____

Crime:

Suspect:

Means:

Opportunity:

Motive:

1. What clues helped you most in inferring what happened?

2. Why do you think the ballad never explicitly states what happened to Lord Randall?

