* To burke means to murder by smothering or to get rid of in a indirect manner
* A body snatcher was a person who dug up graves to sell to doctors to dissect
* Burke and Hare were two body snatchers who decided to get bodies by murder
* They killed 17 people by ‘burking’.
* They sold their victims to Dr. Robert Knox
* They did this in Edinburgh
* Burke were hanged on the 31 October 1828
* Hare was released in February 1829
* The reason for body snatchers was that the only ways that doctors could get bodies for dissection was the bodies of hanged criminals

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