



# POLICE REPORT

**Crime Scene Investigator: Detectives** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who found the Body?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where was the Body found?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What was found on the Body?** \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCIENTIFIC REPORT**

**Was the Man young or old? Did he die of old age or Disease? Explain using your evidence from Clue 1**

**How long ago do you think the body was buried? What is your Evidence?**

**Write a Report about what YOU think happened? Remember to use the Information in your Evidence**



# EVIDENCE



**‘The Body was found in a peat Bog on a place called Tolland Fen in Denmark in May 1950. Two men were digging Peat for fuel. As they worked they suddenly saw in the peat a face so fresh it seemed to be a recent murder. They called the police**

**The peat was carefully removed until more of the body could be seen. It was the body of a man. He lay on his side as if he were asleep. He wore no clothes, except a pointed skin cap and a smooth hide belt. His hair was cut short. Round his neck was a rope noose and an iron neck ring.’**

**From Modern History textbook**

## CLUE 1: SCIENTIFIC REPORT

### **Age:**

The Heart and organs were healthy. The wisdom teeth had grown. These appear in people around 20 years of age

### **Stomach:**

The man had eaten a soup at least 12 hours before he died. The soup was made up of special rare seeds that were connected with Springtime. The soup may have been prepared for a special occasion

### **Marks on Body**

The rope had left marks on the skin under the chin and the sides of the neck, but there were no marks on the back of the neck where the knot was

### **Possible Date of Burial**

When they dug the grave they found some moss trapped under the body. Scientists know this type of moss was from a period of time long ago - About 2000 years ago around about the same time Jesus was born! The acid in the peat had prevented the body from decaying—made it look as if it had been recently buried

## WRITTEN CLUES

Clues 2 and 3 were written around 97-98 AD by Tacitus, a Roman, in his book about Germanic tribes

### CLUE 2

**‘The German tribes hang traitors from the trees. Cowards, poor fighters and evil men are drowned in the bogs and covered with sticks’**

### CLUE 3

**‘The German tribes worship the Goddess of Spring. Every Spring a cart carries a statue of the Goddess in a procession. Afterwards the cart and statue are washed by slaves, and then the slaves are drowned.’**

### CLUE 4: OTHER BOG BODIES

**‘The body of an Iron age man was found buried in another bog in Denmark. His last meal was vegetable soup made from Spring seeds. His body had been covered by branches. There was a noose around his neck. Beside the noose was a neck ring made of Iron. The Iron age people used to bury these neck rings in bogs as offerings to the Spring Goddess.’**