Notes for Handwriting Analysis Part 1

Chapter 10

Why do we do handwriting analysis? Answer on your own!

What field investigations do forensic scientists encounter?

History

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Handwriting analysis played a role in the famous Lindbergh case.

2. 1999- The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ determine that handwriting…

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, scientifically accepted guidelines must be followed.

4. Scotland Yard, the FBI, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use handwriting analysis.

Lindbergh Video Notes:

The 12 Major Specific Traits:

1. Line Quality:

2. Spacing:

3. Size Consistency:

4. Continuous:

5. Connecting Letters:

6. Letter Complete:

7. Cursive and Printed Letters:

8. Pen Pressure:

9. Slant:

10. Line Habits:

11. Fancy Curls or Loops:

12. Placement of Crosses on t’s and dots on i’s:

Handwriting Examination

Two writings came from one person if:

* their similarities are unique and
* no unexplainable difference(s) are found

Steps in Handwriting Analysis

1. Examine the questionable document for detectable traits and record them

2.

3. Compare and draw conclusions about the authorship of the questionable document

What are the Technologies Used in Handwriting Analysis?

What are the Shortcomings in Analysis?