

Class vs Individual Evidence

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In your own words, define...

Class Characteristics:

Individual Characteristics:

Complete the data table and determine if each item is class or individual evidence.

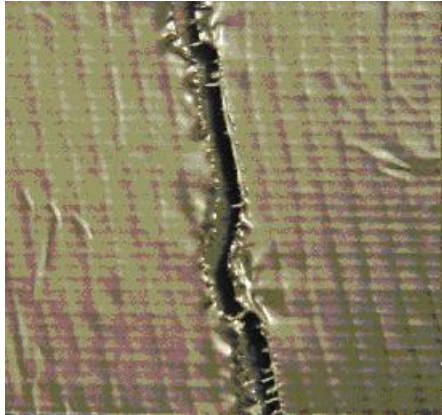
Item #	Item description	Class or Individual	Explanation
1 	Piece on the left was used to write a "stick up" note on at a bank and the piece on the right was found in the trunk of a suspect's car. Is this class or individual evidence?		
2 	A victim tore a lock of blonde hair from her attacker. Is the hair class or individual evidence?		

<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> 	<p>Duct tape on was used to bind a store clerk in a robbery and a new roll of duct tape was found in a suspects home. Is the roll of duct tape class or individual evidence?</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> 	<p>Fingerprint evidence is recovered from a breaking and entering crime scene. Is this class or individual evidence?</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> 	<p>A match used to start an arson fire aligns with a book of matches found in a suspect's pocket.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>A ransom note was</p>		



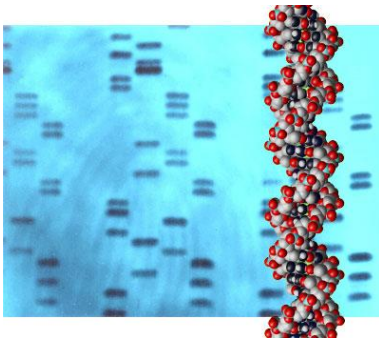
written on a piece of yellow legal paper and pad of similar paper was found in a suspect's desk drawer. Is the pad of paper class or individual evidence?

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Duct tape on the left was used to bind wrists of store clerk. Duct tape on the right was found in suspect's garage. Is the duct tape class or individual evidence?


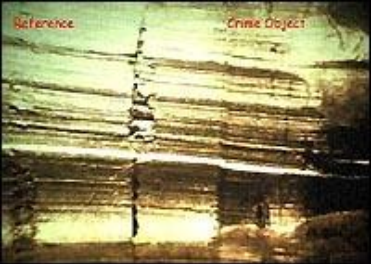
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DNA is extracted from blood that was left behind when a perpetrator broke through a window. Is DNA class or individual?

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A victim reports a

	<p>mugger was wearing a white t-shirt and police are holding a suspect wearing a white t-shirt. Is the t-shirt class or individual evidence?</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> 	<p>Striations on a bullet recovered from a crime scene line up with striations from a bullet test fired from a suspect's gun. Is this class or individual evidence?</p>		