SoHo, London

**Location**
An area in the City of Westminster (a borough of London) that encompasses a large part of London including the West End.

**Reputation**
Known as the entertainment section of London, it had the reputation of being unseemly and unsavory. Most respectable families had left the area by the mid-19th century and what remained was a collection of theaters, music halls and prostitutes eventually becoming the center of London's illicit sex industry.

The name has since been applied to the entertainment and restaurant districts of other major cities, such as New York.
Recidivism

A tendency to relapse into a previous condition or mode of behavior.

One of the major fears of Victorian London was that society would regress away from the progress that was being made. Specifically, people feared a relapse into more base behaviors such as criminal behavior.
Gothic Roots

Gothic stories are often told by an outsider character that isn't part of the main action proper. These stories rely on fear, mystery, the detective element, dreary desolate settings and the mingling of science and superstition.