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The Confessions—Notes

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DNA test		
Confession		
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Photo identification		
Polygraph test		

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- fear
- shock
- fatigue
- torture
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DNA test	To determine whether a suspect was actually at the crime scene	Possible ranking (group answers may vary): 2		
Confession	To show that the suspect admits that he committed the crime	1		
One suspect accusing another	To provide an eyewitness account that a suspect committed the crime	5		
Photo identification	To identify a possible suspect	4		
Polygraph test	To determine whether a suspect is telling the truth	3		