**Schreber's experiences**

Schreber was a successful and highly respected judge until middle age when the onset of his psychosis occurred. As his psychosis progressed, he believed that God was turning him into a woman, sending rays down to enact 'miracles' upon him, including little men to torture him. Freud thought that Schreber's disturbances resulted from repressed homosexual desires, which in infancy were oriented at his father and brother. Repressed inner drives were projected onto the outside world and led to intense hallucinations.

**Little hans**

Sigmund Freud studied a young boy he called **Little Hans** who had a phobia of horses. Freud concluded the child demonstrated an Oedipus complex, a mental state where a boy wants to marry his mother. He thought the phobia was **Hans's** displaced fear of his father's punishment for his forbidden thoughts.

**Wolf Man**

Freud learned of Wolf Man’s development of an irrational fear of animals - even butterflies - as a child and believed that he could identify the traumas which had led to this fear, along with other issues such as obsessive religious practise and castration anxiety. After a long period of sessions with Freud, the psychoanalyst published Wolf Man’s case history in From the History of an Infantile Neurosis in 1918