

AP English Literature Study Questions
Crime and Punishment, by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Answers to these questions are due to your English teacher the first Friday of school.

- 1) Raskolnikov is a _____? Is he well when we meet him?
- 2) In a tavern, Raskolnikov meets the drunken Marmeladov who tells about his family. His wife Katrina Invanova is what? How does his daughter Sonia support the family?
- 3) Raskolnikov's mother and sister Dunya are coming to town. What is the purpose?
- 4) Raskolnikov resolves to kill the pawnbroker. What will he use? After killing her, he is interrupted by whom? What does he do?
- 5) Porfiry Petrovitch is a?
- 6) A stranger has been at Raskolnikov's apartment. When Raskolnikov chases him down, he says one word. What was it?
- 7) Sviridrigailov has come after Dunya who used to work for him. What did that job do to her reputation? What does he want with her now? In the end, losing hope for his plan, what does he do?
- 8) To whom does Raskolnikov first confess? What does she urge him to do?
- 9) Who does Raskolnikov's friend Razumikhin love?
- 10) Write an essay on Raskolnikov's reasons for murdering the pawnbroker. There are several of them. The deepest reason is philosophical, concerning the "Superman." Does his actual experience of the murder resemble in any way his philosophical motivation?