Worksheet 5. Crime and Punishment in Theory

Crime and Punishment includes a number of intellectual discussions relevant to Raskolnikov’s crime and its aftermath. Closely examine the indicated sections of the text and answer the questions. Use textual evidence in your answers.

Part 1, Chapter 6

1. What ideas does the student propose, and how does he justify them?

2. Does he plan to put those ideas into action? Why or why not?

Part 3, Chapter 5

3. What ideas did Raskolnikov convey in his essay published in the Periodical Review?

4. How does Raskolnkov respond to Porfiry’s comments about the article?

5. How do the other men respond? What does the conversation reveal about the three men?
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Part 5, Chapter 4

6. How does Sonia respond to Raskolnikov’s confession?

7. What does Raskolnikov mean in the reference to Napoleon?

8. How does he try to justify the murder of the pawnbroker?

9. In what sense did he actually murder himself, as he claims?

Part 6, Chapter 5

10. How does Svidrigailov explain the theory behind the murders?

11. How would you explain that theory?

12. How does Dounia respond? Why?