

**AP Literature Summer Reading 2009**  
***Crime and Punishment***

*Crime and Punishment*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky, is celebrated as one of the preeminent novels of world literature, a must-read for the well-read scholar. As you read, take notes in your book. Underline important passages, flag pages, identify symbols, imagery, significant plot elements, vocabulary words, make margin notes, etc. Make the book your own and make it usable. Your book annotations are a part of your grade.

After (or during) your reading of the novel, you must complete the following literary analysis. The analysis can be done in outline form except for sections that specify otherwise. Your analysis is due on the first day of class, and you should also be prepared to write an essay about the novel during the first week of school.

- I. **Author Research:** Conduct research on Dostoevsky – his life, his beliefs, the causes he stood for, his purpose for writing this novel. Write 1-2 paragraphs on your findings (include citations and works cited).
- II. **Characters:** List major characters and include the following information for each:
  - a. Internal and external conflicts that mold or motivate the character
  - b. Character traits (2-4 one word answers)
- III. **Themes:** List major themes.
- IV. **Author's Style:** Describe the overall style of the novel (1-3 sentences) and list examples from the text to support your description. Include page numbers.
- V. **Important Scenes:** copy at least 5 scenes or lines that you found to be especially memorable or that illustrated key ideas (include page numbers). Write a brief commentary for each scene, explaining its significance (3-5 sentences). Choose two scenes and memorize them.
- VI. **Questions:** As you read, record questions you have (the margin is a great place for this!). After finishing the novel, list 5 questions you feel are most important or would facilitate the best class discussion.

VII. **Vocabulary:** Define the following vocabulary words.

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| 1. abstemiousness | 11. supercilious | 21. sardonic     |
| 2. brazen         | 12. ignominious  | 22. effrontery   |
| 3. bilious        | 13. fortuitous   | 23. equivocation |
| 4. commensurate   | 14. capricious   | 24. affable      |
| 5. indelible      | 15. torpor       | 25. causticity   |
| 6. lugubrious     | 16. repugnant    | 26. assiduous    |
| 7. spurious       | 17. trepidation  | 27. abscond      |
| 8. casuistry      | 18. opulently    | 28. disseminate  |
| 9. inexorably     | 19. timorous     | 29. libertine    |
| 10. malevolent    | 20. tenuous      | 30. dissemble    |