

Crime and Punishment: Dostoevsky

Final Essay Instructions:

The working of the final essay will be done in this manner in order to obtain all three grades for the essay work:

Our work on Crime and Punishment requires a proper use of the basic tools of education: reading, thinking, discussing and writing. We read intelligently in the hope that we may understand what the writer has said. Here, you have been given a clear-cut analysis of this great work, so that, providing you have intently followed the lectures and class work, you should feel comfortable with the reading. The class tests and discussions were intended to stimulate the thought process. Now is the time to write, which gives you the opportunity to communicate your thinking in a clearly expressed and thoroughly organized manner.

Step 1.

Very careful selection of the question. Weigh up your choices and make the selection on the basis of how well you can support your thinking.

Step 2.

Prepare all your notes which refer directly to the question, sift through them carefully creating a reference order. Collect all reference material.

Step 3.

Prepare an outline after you have surveyed and organized your notes. This tentative preliminary outline must be prepared for* March 23rd and will receive a grade, the first of three. The outline must clearly demonstrate the development of your essay and must be complete in every detail that you intend to use. This outline must be prepared in duplicate, one copy you will keep, and one copy handed in to me by the date already given to you.*

Step 4

Preparing the rough draft. The rough draft must be prepared by * March 26th. This rough draft must include all references, footnotes, and the bibliography. The rough draft will be inspected and checked during class sessions on the date (and after) already stipulated*. A grade will be recorded for this rough draft.

Step 5

The completed essay, typed, preferably, or neatly and legibly written will be due on April 2nd. Late papers will lose one grade per day. If the essay is hand-written remember to space correctly and write only on one side of the paper. Footnotes are essential, since you will be using reference material and quotations.

If you are in doubt about correct procedures and mechanics, for e.g. the correct procedure for footnoting, there is a manual available in the classroom.