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Humanities III

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The Brothers Karamazov: Dostoevsky

Here are some suggestions to give you guidance in selecting a suitable area for reflection and research in The Brothers Karamazov.

1. A study of the parallelism in "The Legend of the Grand Inquisitor", and "The Russian Monk".
2. A study of Ivan Karamazov: is he revolte or superman?
3. The dualism and synthesis of the human soul as it is expressed in Dmitri Karamazov.

This question may also be used to complete research on the character, Katerina Ivanovna.
4. Write a thoroughly researched essay giving a psychological analysis of: (select one)
 - a. Ivan and his relationship to Smerdyakov.
 - b. Dmitri and his relationship to Katerina, Grushenka, and Alyasha.
 - c. The relationship between Zossima, Alyasha and Dmitri.
5. Write an essay on the conflict between faith and reason in the whole of the book.
6. Write an essay concerning sin and suffering: the religious, often romantic and sometimes masochistic elements that formed Dostoevsky's doctrine of suffering.
7. What literary techniques are used by Dostoevsky to present psychological states and motivations: (imagery, symbol, and metaphor, law and when, are they used, and to what effect?)
8. Discuss the ramifications of suffering, redemption, corruption, and love as they occur throughout the book.