Chapter VII

Vocabulary

**resolute** – determined with a fixed, firm purpose

1. Find a passage in the story illustrating Raskolnikov’s internal struggle after he murders Alyona.

2. What does Raskolnikov do when he hears the men coming to Alyona’s door, and how is his action ironic?

3. Preceding the murder, Raskolnikov felt certain that his clear conscience and cool demeanor would keep him from leaving obvious traces of his crime. Discuss how Raskolnikov displays reason while he is in Alyona’s apartment. Cite incidents from the chapter to support your answer.

4. What evidence does Raskolnikov leave behind which may indicate to the police that the crime was premeditated?