Chapter VI

Vocabulary

Gogol – a Russian novelist
vivisecting – performing surgical operations on living animals

1. Who is Nikolay, and why does he confess to murdering the pawnbroker? What is Porfiry’s reaction to Nikolay’s confession, and why is it ironic?

2. Give an example of how Porfiry, upon Raskolnikov’s departure from his office, implies that he thinks Raskolnikov is guilty of the murders.

3. Why does the stranger, who earlier accused Raskolnikov of murder, come to Raskolnikov’s room?