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### An Honest Thief by Fyodor Dostoevsky Pre-Reading Activity

Using appropriate resources, find definitions for the following terms:

1. *lodgers*: \_\_\_\_\_

2. *rubles*: \_\_\_\_\_

3. *melancholy*: \_\_\_\_\_

4. *brooding*: \_\_\_\_\_

5. *acquaintance*: \_\_\_\_\_

6. *shabby*: \_\_\_\_\_

7. *rowdy*: \_\_\_\_\_

8. *wrath*: \_\_\_\_\_

9. *hospitality*: \_\_\_\_\_

10. *vicinity*: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the phrase that best fits your level of knowledge and understanding of the following concepts:

1. I know ***a lot*** ***a little*** ***nothing*** about Fyodor Dostoevsky.

2. I know ***a lot*** ***a little*** ***nothing*** about primary sources.

3. I know ***a lot*** ***a little*** ***nothing*** about secondary sources.

4. I know ***a lot*** ***a little*** ***nothing*** about choosing appropriate resources.

5. I know ***a lot*** ***a little*** ***nothing*** about reliable sources of information.

\* Based on the title, what do you think this story is about?

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## **Vocabulary Key**

Lodgers: people who live in or rent other people's homes; renter

Rubles: monetary unit (coins) in Russia

Melancholy: a gloomy state of mind

Brooding: preoccupied with depressing thoughts

Acquaintance: a person one knows but is not friends with

Shabby: showing signs of wear

Rowdy: rough and disorderly

Wrath: extreme anger or feelings of revenge

Hospitality: friendly treatment of guests

Vicinity: within the area of something

## Mini-Lesson

### Topic: Primary vs. Secondary Sources

#### **Primary Sources:**

- First-hand: written by the person who witnessed or experienced it
- Unpublished original documents: not a replica
- Published works: written soon after the event
- Examples: diaries, letters, memoirs, journals, interviews, speeches

#### **Secondary Sources:**

- Second-hand: experiences and opinions of others
- Interpret original documents: at least one step removed from the original
- Examples: encyclopedias, biographies

#### **Gray Areas:**

- SOMETIMES: poems, political cartoons, songs, etc. can be primary sources if they were written by witnesses or first-hand accounts.
- Example: a poem written about the experiences of the Vietnam War could be considered a primary source if that person experienced it first-hand and during the time period

#### **How Can You Tell:**

- When was this written?
  - During the time it's about (maybe primary)
  - Afterward: secondary
- Was this an eye-witness account?
  - Yes: primary source
  - No: secondary source
- Was the author there?
  - Yes: primary source
  - No: secondary source

## **Mini-Lesson**

### **Topic: Using Appropriate Resources**

- When researching a topic you have many different sources to use
- It's important to know what is the best source so you don't waste time
- These sources must be reliable for a research report

### **Dictionary:**

- Definitions
- Correct spellings
- Phonetic spellings (the way it sounds)
- Parts of speech
- Word origins
- Alphabetical Order
- \*sometimes it has synonyms and antonyms

### **Thesaurus:**

- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Correct spellings
- Alphabetical Order
- \*sometimes it has parts of speech
- \*sometimes it has definitions

### **Table of Contents:**

- List of units/chapters and page numbers
- TOC
- Organized in order that they appear

### **Glossary:**

- Found in the back of most textbooks
- Alphabetical
- Definitions of words
- Example: science textbook-bold words are defined in the glossary
- Sometimes give page numbers

### **Index:**

- Back of the book
- Alphabetical
- Provides major topics with page numbers
- Easily locate a topic without reading an entire textbook

### **Encyclopedia:**

- General topics and facts like:
  - Animals
  - History
  - Countries
  - People
  - Diseases

### **Atlas:**

- Looking for geographical features:
  - Maps
  - Mileage indicators (sometimes)
  - States, countries, capitals, etc.

### **Almanac:**

- Published yearly
- Contains past information that helps predict future information such as:
  - Weather forecasts and history
  - Currency
  - Lunar cycles
  - Some geographical data
  - Planting dates
  - Sun rise and set times

### **Newspaper:**

- For print sources it contains the most up-to-date information
- Published once or twice daily
- Contains news such as:
  - Sports
  - Daily weather
  - Current events
  - Business and finance (stocks)
  - Obituaries

### **Internet:**

- Least reliable
- Often contains up-to-the-minute information
- Not always accurate--anyone can publish information
- Can look up almost everything
- Should be the last resort or at least use the other resources to verify

### **Review Discussion:**

- What is the major purpose of each of resource?
- Give an example of when you might need to use each resource.

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### The Landlady by Roald Dahl Quiz

#### #1-10 Match each vocabulary word in the box to the correct synonym.

1. \_\_\_\_ renters
2. \_\_\_\_ extreme anger
3. \_\_\_\_ showing signs of wear
4. \_\_\_\_ rough and disorderly
5. \_\_\_\_ friendly treatment of guests
6. \_\_\_\_ monetary unit in Russia
7. \_\_\_\_ gloomy state of mind
8. \_\_\_\_ preoccupied with depressing thoughts
9. \_\_\_\_ within the area of something
10. \_\_\_\_ a person one knows who is not a friend

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) acquaintance</li><li>b) brooding</li><li>c) hospitality</li><li>d) lodgers</li><li>e) melancholy</li><li>f) rowdy</li><li>g) rubles</li><li>h) shabby</li><li>i) vicinity</li><li>j) wrath</li></ol> |
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#### #11-20 Decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F). s

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. To find the most up-to-date information, a reader should use the Internet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The purpose of an atlas is to provide translations of foreign words.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Primary sources are typically more reliable than secondary sources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. To determine the origin of a word, a reader should use an almanac.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Diaries are secondary sources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. An encyclopedia in the library is more out-of-date than a daily newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Autobiographies and biographies are primary sources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. A primary source might be biased.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. A political cartoon is always found in the glossary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. To find the definition of a word in a math textbook, the reader should use the table of contents.

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**An Honest Thief by Fyodor Dostoevsky**

**Summarize the story in 1-3 sentences.**

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1. Why was the narrator so hesitant to take in a lodger?

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2. Why do you think Astafi told the story?

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3. Why do you think the author wrote the story from the first person point-of-view?

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4. Was Emelian, the thief, honorable for confessing? Explain.

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5. Why do you think Emelian confessed?

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6. Would you be able to forgive Emelian? Explain.

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7. Do you think Astafi was involved in the theft of the narrator's coat?

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8. If you could interview the author, what two questions about the story would you ask?

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9. What do you think will happen to the Astafi after he tells the story?

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10. Why do you think the title of the story is so important? What does it mean?

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**An Honest Thief by Fyodor Dostoevsky—movie**

1. What are three differences between the movie and short story?

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2. What are three similarities between the movie and short story?

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3. In what ways does the director set the mood in the film?

4. Did you enjoy the movie or short story more? Explain your opinion.

5. Do you think the author would enjoy the movie? Why or why not?

## Answer Key

1. D	9. I	14. F
2. J	10. A	15. F
3. H		16. T
4. F		17. F
5. C	11. T	18. T
6. G	12. F	19. F
7. E	13. T	20. F
8. B		

### Summary:

The narrator takes in a lodger named Astafi Ivanich. The narrator's coat is stolen. Astafi tells the story of a man on his death bed who confesses to a theft that occurred many years ago.

1-10 are all higher order thinking questions and will be based on each student's perspective

WHAT IS THE  
MORAL OF THE STORY?

WHAT DOES THE TITLE  
OF THE STORY MEAN?

WHO IS THE  
PROTAGONIST AND  
ANTAGONIST?

WHAT IS THE CLIMAX  
OF THE STORY?

DESCRIBE THE MOOD  
AND TONE OF THE  
STORY.

WHAT IS THE MAIN  
CONFLICT?

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**An Honest Thief by Fyodor Dostoevsky**

Answer the following question in complete sentences:

\* Do you think someone can be an *honest thief*? Explain.

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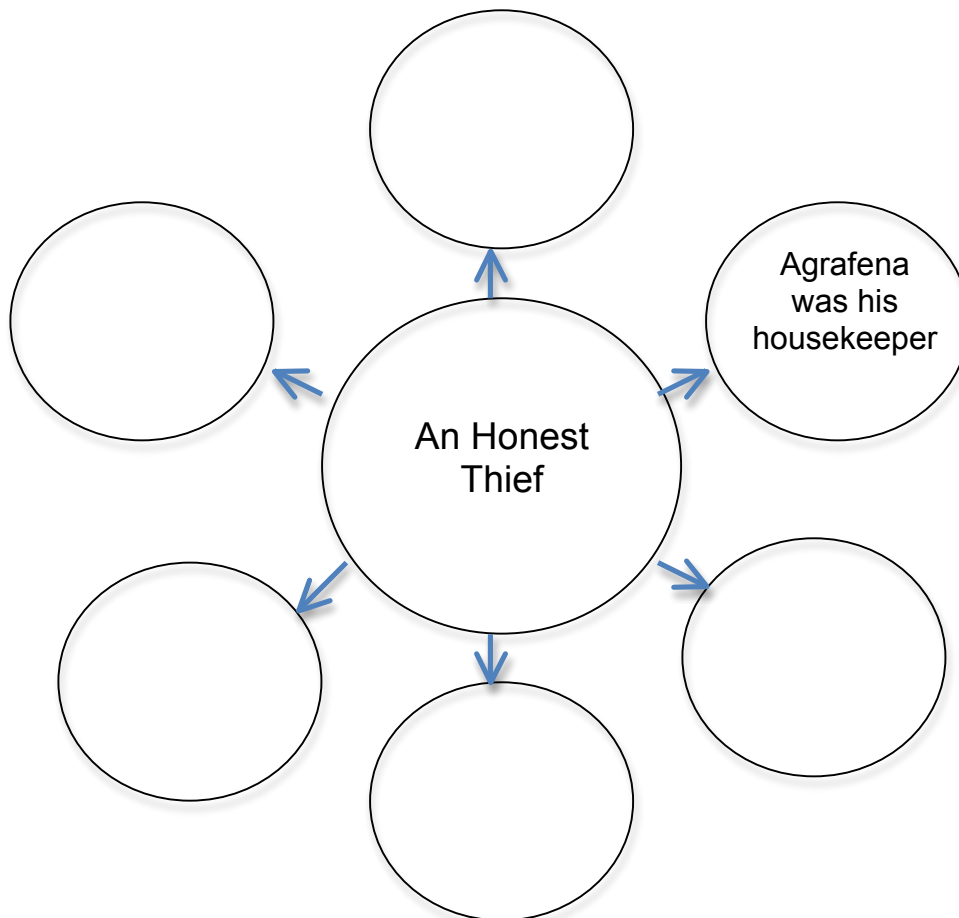
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Make a Bubble Map below for “An Honest Thief” with five more details you can remember from the story.







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**An Honest Thief by Fyodor Dostoevsky Webquest Part I**

Using the Internet, find appropriate and reliable sources to collect facts about the following topics:

1. Fyodor Dostoevsky: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Rubles: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Lodging: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Resources: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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