

# I can discuss what I've just read

**BREAKOUT ROOM:** Do you agree with Raskolnikov? Why/why not? You have five minutes to discuss this. Everyone needs an answer prepared for when we come back together. Go!

The friendly meeting takes place in a private apartment. In the course of conversation, Porfiry learns that Raskolnikov believes that there are two kinds of people in the world, "ordinary" and

"extraordinary". Ordinary people, who are the majority, are subject to laws, and must obey them. But there is a minority of people who are rare and extraordinary, says Raskolnikov, people who are allowed to break the law if they do so in the name of a higher, noble goal that serves the greater good of mankind.

Napoleon broke the law and did terrible things, human history recognizes the value of his deeds and honours him."

"How can one tell these two types apart?" Porfiry asks Raskolnikov.

"You can't tell them apart—they look alike," answers Raskolnikov. "Only life and reality can prove who was an extraordinary, superior individual, like Alexander the Great or Napoleon. Although