

## Study questions for *Discipline and Punish*

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### DP 1.1:

1. Why does F begin by juxtaposing the torture and the time-table?
2. What is important about the guillotine (13)?
3. What are the characteristics of the “micro-physics of power” (26-27)?
4. How are power and knowledge related (27)?
5. What is the “modern soul” (29)?

### DP 1.2:

1. How are the body, torture (as investigation and as punishment), and truth related (42)?
2. How is public execution a manifestation of power leading to “terror” (47-49)?
3. What is the ambiguous role of the public in such executions (58-59)?

### DP 2.1:

1. What was the objective of the reform movement (80-82)?
2. What is the relation of reformed punishment and the social contract (89-91)?
3. What are the rules of the “semio-technique” of reformed punishment (94-99)?
4. What is the new target of power (101)?

### DP 2.2:

1. What are the main characteristics of the “punitive city” (113)?
2. What are the three technologies of power co-existing in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century (130-131)?

### DP 3.1:

1. What is “docility”? How does discipline join 2 different approaches to the body and produce a “docile body”? (136-138)
2. What are the four characteristics and four techniques of discipline? (167)
3. What is the relation of politics and war? (168)
4. What is the military dream of society? (169)

DP 3.2:

1. How does disciplinary examination, which links hierarchical observation and normalizing judgment, provide for a reversal of the relation of individualization and power? (192-194)

DP 3.3:

1. How does discipline “treat lepers like plague victims”? (199)
2. How was it that “the real corporeal disciplines constituted the foundation of the formal, juridical liberties”? (222)

DP 4:

1. How is the “delinquent” constituted? (254-255)
2. What is the four-fold “carceral system”? How does it include both the “failures” and the “reforms” of the prison? (271)
3. How does the “carceral city” (and its “power of normalization”) differ from the torture regime and the “city of punishment” of the reformers? (307-308)