

Glossary of Terms

(Grades 8-9 should be given the terms meaning/ Grades 10-12 can be asked to use contextual clues to come up with their own definitions):

Self-consciousness/self-conscious- (not embarrassment) knowledge of one's own existence, especially the awareness that one exists as an individual conscious being.

Being for itself- a self-comprehending being.

Being in itself- also thingness; an object other than one's self.

Another- also other; a being other than one's self.

Infinite negation- refers to the capacity of self-consciousness to determine selfhood/ self-consciousness by refusing to let any desire determine what it will do.

Death- obliteration.

Life-and-death struggle- in the master/slave situation, death is avoided by agreement to the situation of slavery by the slave out of fear. The master is not subject to fear and so does not see his identity as dependent on life.

Truth (as Hegel defines the term)- Not mere correctness; Truth in this context, according to Hegel, is when a concept corresponds to the reality, in other words, the slave's awareness and concept of her/his self-consciousness becomes truth.