

English 12 Standard Summer Reading

Carefully read the instructions below and complete the assignment as instructed.

I. ***The Metamorphosis*—Franz Kafka**

- Trace the change experienced by Gregor's family members.
- Draw conclusions regarding Kafka's view of both totalitarianism and capitalism.
- Support or refute the opinion that *The Metamorphosis* is a "timeless" story.
- Note the significance of recurring pairs of three in the novella.
- Understand the features of an existential viewpoint.

II. Choose one of the bulleted objectives above and discuss in 300-350 words (approximately 1 page, double-spaced).

III. For the final paragraph of your essay, you will define sustainability. Think about how sustainability applies to many facets of life. Obviously, there's the environmental aspect, but also culture, economic, well-being, and ? aspects of sustainability as well. Thinking about the story symbolically and through the lens of one of those aspects, construct a well-written (topic sentence followed by sufficient supporting details, including textual evidence, wrapped up by a strong concluding sentence) paragraph which discusses sustainability as it pertains to *The Metamorphosis*.

***For example- isolation from society is detrimental to one's personal health and well-being and not a sustainable lifestyle. It is also hard to maintain cultural characteristics when completely withdrawn from society.

Your assignments are due by the second class meeting. You will submit your brief essay to a plagiarism checker in addition to turning it in to your Senior English teacher.

There also will be a formal assessment of the novel within the first week of your 2021-22 English class.