

Summer Reading Assignment
IB English IV
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1. **Read** the classic novella, *The Metamorphosis* over the summer. We will be examining this novel when you return to school in the fall. The following written assignment will be **due on Thursday, August 27**.
2. **Choose 8 passages** from the novella (a passage may be a sentence, a paragraph or a whole page). Write an *informal response* to the passage; each response should be a minimum of 200 words. This response should be your own work, no one else's. You should prepare **FOUR** from following types of responses and the other **FOUR** are free choice:
 - a. **Literary** -- This would entail an analysis of a particular literary device, the author's writing style or the characterization techniques evident in the passage. You also might compare the passage to another literary work.
 - b. **Personal** – In this type of response, you connect the passage to something from your own experiences. The best personal entries will be both narrative and reflective, meaning that you are able to reflect on the significance of your experiences.
 - c. **Mimetic** – You might write a scene that is not included in the actual novel. You also might write from the perspective of a character (journal entries, poems, stories, and letters). Either way you should try to adopt the *voice* of the character. You may attach a rationale or explanation of what you have written.
 - d. **Interdisciplinary** – Discuss the passage from the perspective of another discipline. History, philosophy, psychology and other humanities will often be most appropriate, but you may find references to science, math or other subjects you want to discuss. Be sure to cite resources used if you decide to do research.

You may type up the passage analysis or copy the passage and affix it to the response page. In any case, the passage should appear on the same page as your response.

3. **Assessment:** Your passages will be graded on language and content. By language, I mean your *clear, correct use of English* and some *evidence* of your own burgeoning *voice* and *style*. Content refers to your *original* analysis and the *manner* in which you *organize* your response. Expect a quiz, paper or additional assignment at a later date.
4. **Oral Presentation:** You will present one of your entries in a 4-6 minute presentation. Please observe all the rules of decorum for public speaking.