

Gregor's Metamorphosis as Allegory

Name: _____

An **allegory** is a story in which characters, events, and settings symbolize abstract or moral concepts from the real world. Using **PASSAGES/QUOTES** from the text as needed, explain the following allegorical connections to *The Metamorphosis*. In other words, explain how/when these ideas are developed in the text.

QUESTION	QUOTE FROM BOOK	YOUR EXPLANATION	CONNECTION TO REAL WORLD: Think of a real-world situation that relates to this/these idea(s).
<p>The isolation of an individual results in a spiritual death that dehumanizes the lonely person. In what ways is Gregor "dehumanized" by his isolation? What about his life leads him to feel isolated?</p>			
<p>Meaningless work or drudgery alienates the individual from living an authentic, meaningful life. Find a quote that describes Gregor's "meaningless work." How does this make him feel?</p>			
<p>In the complicated modern world, the search for meaning is futile (or pointless).</p>			
<p>Dysfunctional family dynamics can destroy an individual. Find a quote that demonstrates the "dysfunction" of Gregor's family. How does this make him feel?</p>			