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AP English Literature & Composition – Coach Peralta

THE METAMORPHOSIS
Part 1 Discussion Questions

1. In the beginning of the story, when Gregor discovers his own transformation into a bug, what is his main preoccupation? What does this say about his character?
2. Why would Kafka choose to make Gregor a BUG?
3. What is Gregor's family's reaction to his metamorphosis?
4. What might Gregor's bedroom symbolize?
5. List multiple ways that Gregor is alienated from others so far in the story.
6. If he despises his job so much, why does Gregor keep it?
7. From your knowledge of Gregor's boss, the chief clerk, what can you say about Gregor's job and the way he is treated at the office?
8. What are your impressions of the story so far? What points can you see Kafka making?
9. Some readers of *The Metamorphosis* have proposed that Gregor is actually insane and only believes that he has been transformed into an insect. Evaluate this interpretation. What evidence can you find in the text to support or refute this interpretation?
10. Do you have sympathy for Gregor? Explain.
11. Characterize Gregor's father.
12. How does Kafka's style (his use of all the devices we have studied) enhance the nightmarish quality of the work?