

## **Summer Reading Assignment for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English**

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Welcome to World Composition and Literature at ARGS (otherwise known as English 10)! Over the summer, please purchase a copy of the following novella, or borrow a copy from the English department at ARGS:

“The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka  
(Bantam Classics) ISBN: 0-553-21369-5

The book cost varies from \$3-\$6 at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). You may also order from any other vendor or pick it up from any bookstore. This particular edition encompasses some extra analysis in other sections of the book which you may find useful when completing the assignment associated with this reading. As another option, you may come speak with me and check out a book for the summer; however, there are a limited number of these copies. Feel free to purchase any copy or edition as long as you read the story. That is what is important.

Assignment: Before you come to school, read every single word of this short novella. Yes, it is short at roughly 50 pages in length. That should be something that all of you can do without question and with ease. From there I want you to do two things:

First, hand-write a 5 paragraph paper about the story. In this paper you should discuss whether the reader should believe what is happening to Gregor Samsa, or whether Samsa is suffering from mental illness. I will be using this to determine your ability to write (grammar, spelling, syntax) and your ability to think critically by developing an argument and then supporting it.

Second, I want you to complete your first unit of vocabulary. This first unit will be completely up to you. I would like you to pick 10 terms from this story that you may not know or that you believe will be on the PSAT and SAT. Once you have these 10 terms, you need to define each, identify the part of speech, and then use each in a sentence of your own design to show proper use. Vocabulary is important and we will use it throughout everything that we study this coming year.

I look forward to seeing you all in the fall. Enjoy “The Metamorphosis” and your summer.

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