Franz Kafka’s *The Metamorphosis* Chapter 2 Study Packet: Worth 60 points in total

1. Gregor’s reactions to different events show us about him and how he is changing. Keep track of some of the changes and your thoughts about what it shows about him.

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<td>He doesn’t like milk anymore.</td>
<td>He prefers garbage; his tastes have become more insect-like.</td>
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Vocabulary Section (20 points): Identify 10 words from this chapter that you struggled with. Include the sentence from the book and their definitions. These are worth 2 points each.

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Reading Questions (17 points in total):

2. What parts of the story, if any, did you find humorous? Explain. (2 points)

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3. What does Gregor’s father reveal about the family's financial status? What is Gregor’s reaction when he learns the truth? Why is your reaction? (3 points)

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Gregor’s reaction: _____________________________________________
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Your reaction: _____________________________________________
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4. What is Gregor’s response when Grete decides to remove the furniture from his room? Why does this response tell you about him? (2 points)

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5. How is Gregor wounded? What symbolic significance might the object that wounds him have? (4 points)

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6. Choose 1 of the following symbols: A) doors/windows, B) the picture of the woman in furs, C) the father’s uniform, D) food. Analyze the role it plays in this chapter of the story. (6 points)

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Analyzing What You’ve Read (13 points in total)

7. **Making Connections**: A person changed into an animal, or vice versa, is a common theme in fairy tales. How is *The Metamorphosis* similar to fairy tales you know? How is it different? (4 points)

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8. **Thinking Critically**: In Chapter 2 we learn a lot about Gregor’s sense of guilt. Review what you wrote in class on Wednesday. Then, in a few paragraphs, analyze the causes and effects of Gregor’s guilt. If you’d prefer to think about it like its specific questions, [1] why does he feel guilty, [2] what caused his guilt, and [3] how does it affect his relationships with other family members? (9 points)

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