

Ideas, Techniques and Effects in *The Metamorphosis*

Idea	Technique	Effect
Power	Imagery of a helpless bug on its back	
Power	Dialogue between head clerk and Gregor makes Gregor out to be a whimp, in complete fear of losing his job.	
<p>Overriding, absurd concern for others (an overdeveloped Superego perhaps?)</p>	<p>Irony of concern for his family's wellbeing when he really needs to be thinking about himself.</p> <p>Grotesque</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obviously the bug thing - family's treatment of Gregor <p>Imagery of food (Look at denotation and connotation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fresh food is disgusting to Gregor; rotten food is desired - Gregor lying on the dinner table (like a meal of some sort) after falling from the ceiling - Gregor wanting to hoard food as a type of currency - Food (apples) as a weapon - Apple, itself, as imagery <p>Imagery of Clocks</p> <p>Irony of a well-spoken, polite bug</p>	<p>Humor at the ridiculous, fantastic situation; disbelief and pity at how self-deprecating Gregor is.</p>

<p>The Idea of Change. Who changes and in what ways?</p> <p>The conflict with the father</p> <p>Economic Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debt - Having a place to live <p>Regeneration, spring, rebirth after Gregor's death</p>	<p>Image of Grete's violin</p> <p>Narrative Voice</p> <p>-Third Person Limited Omniscient until last five pages or so where it shifts to Third Person Omniscient</p> <p>Plot chart (or lack thereof)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the story begin with the climax and then provide only falling action and resolution? <p>Tone</p> <p>Light appears in the paragraph where Gregor dies.</p>	<p>Sadness and depression</p>
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Lack of Compassion

Mood

Setting (specifically Gregor's room)

Characterization

- Father

- Mother

- Grete

- Head Clerk

- Three Boarders

- Charwoman

Images of pictures on walls—
woman in fur hat and boa; Gregor
in military uniform

Image of uniforms (Gregor's and father')

Image of a travelling salesman

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