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.

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| QUESTION | QUOTE FROM BOOK | YOUR EXPLANATION | CONNECTION TO REAL WORLD:  Think of a real-world situation that relates to this/these idea(s). |
| 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? |  |  |  |
| 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? |  |  |  |
| In the complicated modern world, the search for meaning is futile (or pointless). |  |  |  |
| Dysfunctional family dynamics can destroy an individual. Find a quote that demonstrates the “dysfunction” of Gregor’s family. How does this make him feel? |  |  |  |