**The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, excerpt**

As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed

in his bed into a gigantic insect. He was lying on his hard, armor-plated back. When he

lifted his head a little he could see his dome-like brown belly divided into stiff arched

segments on top of which the bed quilt could hardly keep in position and was about to slide

off completely. His numerous legs, which were pitifully thin compared to the rest of his

bulk, waved helplessly before his eyes.