

You will split into groups and be assigned one of the following topics:

- Franz Kafka (author of the novel)
 - Jewish Heritage
 - Basic Facts about him and his life
- Historical Context
 - Tension in Austro-Hungarian Empire - what happened to the area after the war
 - World War 1 and Kafka's relation to it
- Existentialism
 - Main ideas of the philosophy
 - Main thinkers in the movement
 - Any important works or other ideas
- Modernism
 - Main ideas of the philosophy
 - Main thinkers in the movement
 - Any important works or other ideas
- Absurdism
 - Main ideas of the philosophy
 - Main thinkers in the movement
 - Any important works or other ideas

Your group will create a powerpoint that explains the main ideas behind your topic. 3-4 slides.

You will present your findings to the class so we all start off our reading of *The Metamorphosis* on the same level of background knowledge.