English 12 Metamorphosis—Part I

Complete the following activity with your group, writing in complete sentences and using detail from the text to prove your points.

In this table, record your observations of the “two selves” that Gregor inhabits in the book.

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| GREGOR AS “MONSTROUS VERMIN” | GREGOR AS HUMAN |
|  | Works at a grueling job |

Discuss and answer these questions with your group. Write your own answers on the back of this sheet.

1. Some readers of *The Metamorphosis* contend that Gregor has not transformed into a bug at all, but that he’s experiencing some kind of insanity and only *believes* that he’s a bug. What do you think? What does the evidence from the text tell you? Could this be the case?
2. What is Gregor’s role in his family? What evidence do you have that this role is about to change?
3. What aspects of Gregor’s life were dehumanizing even *before* he turned into an insect?