

LIT 165 Assignment
(in lieu of class on 4/7/05)

Read “Cockroaches” (p. 411) and “Axolotl” (p. 424) in *Fantastic Worlds*. Write one page in response to one of the questions below:

- What is your overall response to the two stories?
- Compare/contrast the two stories on the basis of theme. You can look especially at themes relating to “identity” or “what it means to be human,” to name two we’ve explored in other works this semester.
- What mythic overtones do these stories contain?
- How would you “diagnose” what’s happening to these characters in psychological terms?
- What are the external and internal motivations that cause the character to behave the way they do?