

## IB Literature 3 – Mr. Parker

IB Literature focuses on a variety of authors from different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs; one of the fundamentals of the course is using works from an authorial study in order to both peer into their lives as a whole, but also examine the cultures from which they emerge or critique. Our year starts with the German speaking, Czech writer Franz Kafka. Please read the following short stories, all of which can be accessed through the Franz Kafka Online website (<https://www.kafka-online.info/franz-kafka-biography.htm>). We will be discussing and analyzing these works as a basis of literary criticism during the first three weeks, after which you will be assessed on them. The works are:

- "Before the Law"
- "An Imperial Message"
- "The Judgment"
- "A Country Doctor"
- "Jackals and Arabs"

The combined reading should last slightly under an hour. There is no formal assignment; merely come in with questions, comments, and an open mind. Email me, Mr. Parker, with any questions. I look forward to being your Teacher!