

The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Important places in The Great Gatsby



Find a quote to describe the following from Chapters 1 and 2:

Gatsby's Mansion (1):

Buchanan's Home (2):

Nick's House (3):

Valley of Ashes (4):

The eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckelburg (5):

Myrtle's apartment (6):

What do we know about F. Scott Fitzgerald?



Who was the LOVE of his life?

What part of the country did he come from?

What was he well-known for?

Did he have any children?

What did he suffer from?

What happened to Zelda?

Nick Carraway

1. What do we learn about Nick at the beginning of Chapter 1?

2. Where is he from?

3. What are his “core values”?

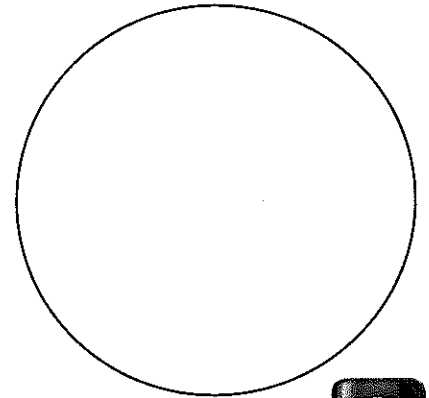
4. Are you supposed to “trust” Nick? Why do you think Fitzgerald is careful to introduce him like he does?

5. Who does Nick sound like ... or who do you think Fitzgerald wants Nick to BE like?

6. Examine the connotative language Fitzgerald uses to contrast West Egg and East Egg. What specific diction and imagery does Fitzgerald use to differentiate them?

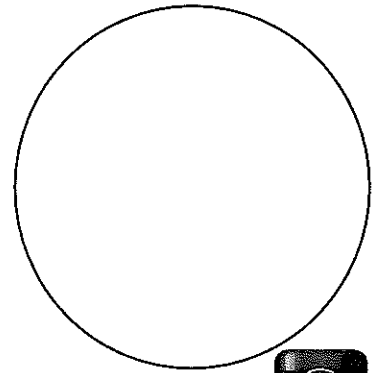
West Egg

East Egg

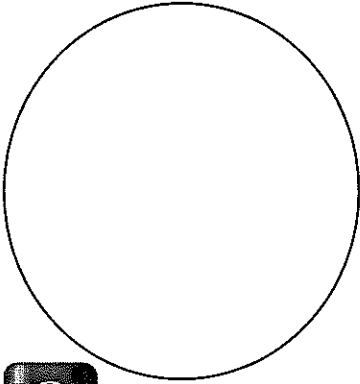


Select three words that describe **Tom Buchanan**:

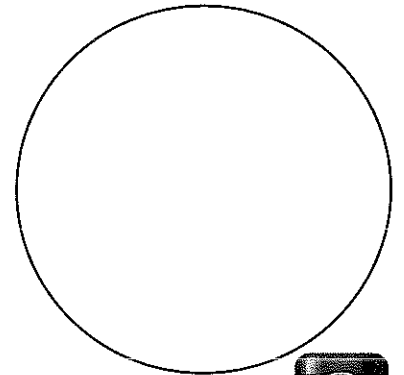
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



How would you describe **Daisy Buchanan**? Who does she remind you of?



The other girl (**Jordan Baker**) is also described... What is odd about her actions or the way she acts when meeting a stranger?



Chapter 1

1. How does the mood at Daisy's dinner party change as the party goes on?
2. Who is the color WHITE most closely associated with and what does it symbolize?
3. Create a Twitter conversation among Tom, Nick, Daisy, and Jordan from Chapter 1


A large rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to create a Twitter conversation. In the top-left corner, there is a small black silhouette of a bird, representing the Twitter logo.

Chapter 2

Draw a sketch of the eyes of Dr. Eckleburg looking over the valley of ashes.



1. Why does Fitzgerald add the detail about the dog biscuit to the description of the party at Myrtle's apartment?
2. How does Nick's quote "I was within and without, simultaneously enchanted and repelled by the inexhaustible variety of life" reflect Fitzgerald's own life? Why do readers need a character that is "within and without"?
3. How does the mood at Myrtle's apartment change as the party goes on?
4. Create a Twitter conversation among the people at the party at Myrtle's apartment



Chapter 3

1. List 5 verbs from the first three paragraphs in Chapter 3. List 3 verbs from paragraph 4. What is the difference between the tense of the verbs, and how does the tense of the verbs change the reading?

1-3	4
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
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What are the differences?

2. What is the meaning of the following sentence? *“It was testimony to the romantic speculation he inspired that there were whispers about him from those who had found little that it was necessary to whisper about in this world.”*

3. What impresses Owl Eyes so much about Gatsby’s library? Why would this be impressive (What does Fitzgerald want to ensure that the reader knows this)?

4. How does the mood at Gatsby’s party change throughout the night (arrival, midnight, leaving)?

5. Who is the color GOLD or YELLOW most closely associated with and what do the colors symbolize?

Choose two quotes from the first three chapters and (1) copy them below; (2) translate them; (3) identify at least one literary device in each and how the device affects meaning

Quote	Translation	Literary Device/Effect
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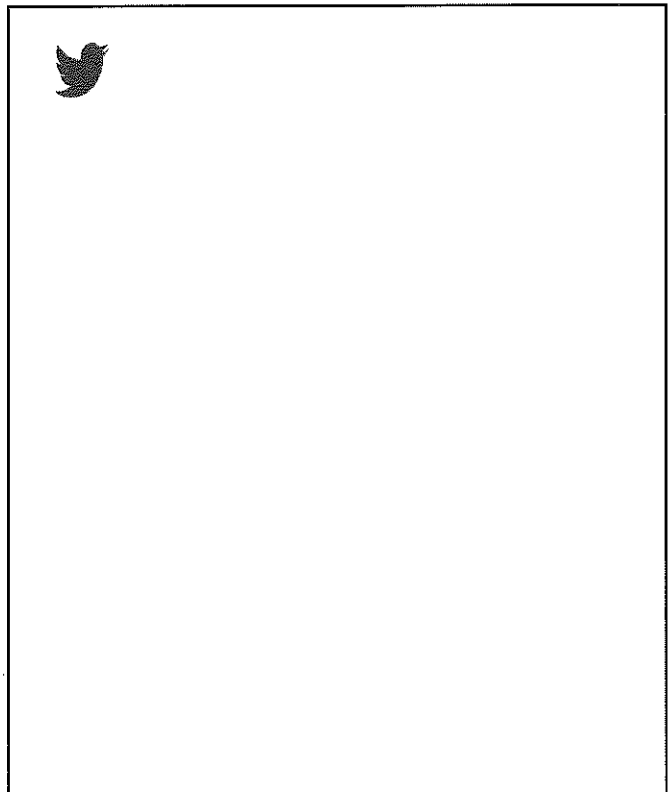
Chapter 4

1. What details about Wolfsheim hint as to who he is and what he does?
2. *“Then it had not been merely the starts to which he had aspired on that June night. He came alive to me, delivered suddenly from the womb of his purposeless splendor.”* Explain how Nick’s words relate to the secret that Jordan had been keeping about Gatsby.
3. What artifacts from the war does Gatsby have readily available to show Nick? How does this impact Gatsby’s authenticity to Nick?
4. Explain the significance of Jordan’s comment that “the pearls were around her neck.”

Write at least five headlines for TMZ based on Gatsby’s parties.



Create a Twitter conversations among people attending one of Gatsby’s parties.



Special investigator's report
SUBJECT: Jay Gatz



Alias(es):

Previous occupation(s):

Previous residence(s):

Known acquaintances:

Conclusion:

Chapter 5

1. Explain the awkwardness and the immaturity of the afternoon tea with Daisy, Gatsby, and Nick
2. How does the shirt scene affect your reaction to Gatsby and Daisy?

Chapter 6

1. *"The truth was Jay Gatsby of West Egg, Long Island, sprang from his Platonic conception of himself. He was a son of God--a phrase which, if it means anything, means just that--and he must be about His Father's business, the service of a vast, vulgar, and meretricious beauty."* Explain: (1) the Platonic conception; (2) the effect of the Biblical allusion; and (3) the point about the nature of service.
2. Explain Gatsby's attitude towards time.
3. What is ideal about Gatsby's dream? What is corrupt?

Chapter 7

1. Myrtle, watching Tom fill the car with gas, draws two wrong conclusions. What are they?
2. What similar circumstance has been revealed to both Tom and to Wilson?
3. Explain how the last two sentences of this chapter continue to theme of Gatsby's dream.

Draw a sketch for a police report on the accident involving the car and Myrtle
(include roads, vehicles, landmarks, and other important locations)



City of Valley of the Ashes
Police Department
Traffic Incident Report

Summary of the incident: _____

Chapter 8

1. Why does Daisy marry Tom? (see the following paragraph)

“I love her”

2. Read the paragraph beginning, “I’ve always been glad I said that ...” How does this paragraph extend the paradox of Nick’s feelings about Gatsby?

3. Explain the use of the word “holocaust” in the last sentence of the chapter.

Chapter 9

1. Explain Nick’s memory of West Egg.

2. Nick sees Tom go into a jewelry store. What does Nick imagine that Tom is buying? Why do you suppose he thinks this?

write at least two newspaper obituaries for people or things that died in *The Great Gatsby*.

Deaths