



Monday, 03-30-15

11th Grade American Literature &
Composition B.

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Uncontrolled harvesting of forests for timber could effect(A) the weather because land covered by(B) large trees absorbs and releases (C) twice as much moisture as that which is (D) covered by smaller plants. No error. (E)

SAT Answer

Answer: A. effect = noun, affect = verb

Upcoming/Important Dates:

- Vocabulary quiz #3 SAT List 15 this Friday, 04/03/15
- Expect pop quizzes over *The Great Gatsby*!
- **New: Final drafts are due Thursday, 4/02 by 11:59 p.m. to turnitin.com with a 10 pt deduction per day they are late.**

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Essential Question(s): What is "the American Dream"? Is it a reality or an illusion?

-Reading guides for Chapters 1-5 due to the tray (half credit tomorrow only). *Check with me now if you "shared" them. No excuses!

- 4th period seating chart
- Distribute schedules
- Quote project. . . "Bookmark" certain passages as you read!
- Discuss Gatsby. . .
- A copy of the audio book along with a digital copy are available on my website.

Agenda:

The Pursuit of Happiness. . .

-“Denmark: The Happiest Place in the World”:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4181996n>

-*What would Gatsby say in response to this? Agree/disagree?*

-Write down 5-10 things that strike you or you agree/disagree with while you.

Make announcement about Gatsby full text found online & posted to website

The Pursuit of Happiness (according to the Danish)

-WAC (Writing Across Curriculum): Write a 1/2 pg. summary and a 1/2 pg.

personal response to the news broadcast. Due: 2nd: tomorrow, 4th: end of class

Background for *The Great Gatsby*

The Great Gatsby is set in the mid-1920s, a prosperous time at home and abroad. The United States had joined World War I in 1917, three years after its eruption. The 1919 Peace of Paris established accord between nations that ended the war. Many considered American intervention the best way to a decisive and quick Allied victory. Prohibition at home led to a growing world of organized crime, as the sale of alcohol went underground. Even the 1919 World Series was affected, as members of the White Sox (the team favored to win) decided to “throw” the series, creating larger profits for those gambling against the Sox. In Harlem, the northern migration of African Americans created an artistic expansion of literature, music, plays, political tracts, and visual art. And around the country, technology produced new opportunities for Americans, including radio, motion pictures, automobiles, and electric appliances.