

Symbolism in *The Great Gatsby*:

The green light—Gatsby's unrelenting hope for Daisy

The Valley of Ashes-the area separating East and West Egg—represents absolute moral and social decay of the time. It also represents the poverty and hopelessness of the American Dream.

The Eyes of Doctor T.J. Eckleberg-symbolize God/religion looking down upon the moral corruption in America. There is more concern with materialism than the character of man. The eyes can also suggest the hollowness of the American Dream & that the dream is one big lie. (Look at all the people in the Valley of Ashes who did not reach their dream.)

-East Egg (old aristocracy/old \$\$\$)

examples: Tom & Daisy Buchanan

-West Egg (the self-made money, the newly rich, those who've worked for their money) example: Jay Gatsby

