

The Great Gatsby Reading Guide

*Answer the following questions on your own paper in *complete sentences*. Do your own work, or it's cheating, and expect a zero. Links to the novel along with a digital recording are available on my website: <http://serverenglish.weebly.com/spring-semester-2015.html>

Chapter 1 (1-21)

1. Track the number of times Fitzgerald uses the words *hope*, *ordream*. Why does he do this?
2. How does the narrator describe Gatsby? (QUOTE + P.D.)
3. Who is the narrator? From where did he come and why?
4. How does the narrator know Daisy and Tom?
5. How is Tom Buchannan described? (QUOTE + P.D.)
6. What kind of person is Daisy?
7. What image does the author use to describe Jordan Baker? (QUOTE)
8. When asked about her daughter, what does Daisy say? (QUOTE)
9. How is Gatsby introduced into the novel?
10. What does Tom's behavior reveal about his character?

Chapter 2 (23-38)

1. What is the "valley of ashes"?
2. Who did Tom take Nick to meet?
3. What does Mrs. McKee tell Nick about Gatsby? (QUOTE + P.D.)
4. What reason did Myrtle give for marrying George Wilson? (QUOTE + P.D.)
5. What did Tom do to Myrtle when she mentioned Daisy's name?

Chapter 3—(39-59)

1. Describe Gatsby's wealth. (QUOTE + P.D.)
2. What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties?
3. Why did Nick Carraway go to the party?
4. How does Nick meet Gatsby?
5. What are some of the stories about Gatsby? (QUOTE + P.D.)
6. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.

Chapter 4—(61-80)

1. Who is Klipspringer?
2. What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself?
3. What "matter" did Gatsby have Jordan Baker discuss with Nick?
4. Who is Meyer Wolfsheim? What does Gatsby's association with Wolfsheim suggest about his "business" interests?
5. What does Jordan tell Nick about Daisy, Gatsby and Tom? (QUOTE+ P.D.)

Chapter 5 (81-96)

1. Why does Gatsby offer Nick work? How does Nick feel about this?
2. Describe the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy. Why was he so nervous?
3. How long did it take Gatsby to make the money to buy themansion?
4. Why did Gatsby want Daisy to see the house and his clothes?
5. What had the green light on the dock meant to Gatsby?
6. What does Nick mean when he says that Gatsby's concept of Daisy had "gone beyond her, beyond everything" (Fitzgerald 95)?
7. What about Daisy does Gatsby find the most alluring (according to Nick, at the end of the chapter? (QUOTE + P.D.)

Chapter 6—(97-112)

1. What is Gatsby's real history? Where is he from, and what is his name?
2. What did Dan Cody do for Gatsby?
3. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party? How does this affect him? (QUOTE + P.D.)
4. What does Gatsby want from Daisy? (QUOTE + P.D.)
5. When Nick tells Gatsby "you can't repeat the past," what is Gatsby's response? (QUOTE)

Chapter 7 (113-145)

1. What was Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's child? (QUOTE + P.D.)
2. What did Wilson do to Myrtle? Why?
3. Why do the five drive into the city on such a hot afternoon? (QUOTE + P.D.)
4. What does Gatsby think about Daisy's relationship with Tom? (QUOTE + P.D.)
5. What happens on the way home from New York?
6. How do these people react to Myrtle's death:
 - a. Wilson
 - b. Tom
 - c. Nick
 - d. Gatsby

Chapter 8 (147-162)

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick about his past? Is it true?
2. What does Michaelis believe caused Myrtle to run? (QUOTE + P.D.)
3. Why did she run?
4. Why does Wilson believe that Gatsby killed Myrtle?
5. What does Wilson do?

Chapter 9 (163-180)

1. Why does Nick take care of Gatsby's funeral?
2. Who is Henry C. Gatz?
3. Who attended Gatsby's funeral? Why is this significant?
4. What is the book Henry Gatz shows Nick? Why is it significant?
5. What is the purpose of Nick's last meeting with Jordan?
6. What does Nick say about "people" like Daisy and Tom? (QUOTE + P.D.)
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