

# The Great Gatsby



## Interactive Layered Flip Book

**Nick Carraway: first pers**

**STUDY GUIDE ANSWER KEY**

**Chapter 1**

- How does the narrator describe Daisy?
- How does the narrator describe Jay Gatsby?
- Describe the setting of the novel.
- Describe the social classes in the novel.
- Describe the characters in the novel.
- Describe the events of the novel.
- Describe the symbolism in the novel.
- Describe the themes in the novel.
- Describe the style of the novel.
- Describe the point of view of the novel.

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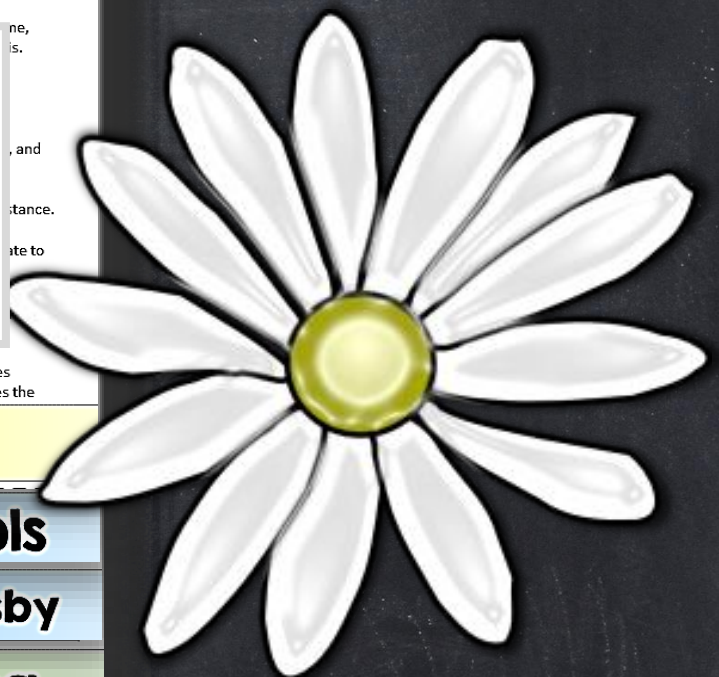
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**F. Scott Fitzgerald · The Great Gatsby**

**Pre-Reading · Post-Reading**

**Chapters 7 · 8 · 9**

**Chapters 5 · 6**

**Chapters 3 · 4**

**Chapters 1 · 2**

# Directions on how to assemble your Flip book are included.

## \*Symbols (what does each symbolize?)

- Green Light \_\_\_\_\_
- Gatsby's House \_\_\_\_\_
- Gatsby's Car \_\_\_\_\_
- Pink Suit \_\_\_\_\_
- Billboard with Eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Allusions (what is it talking about? Why is it used in the book?)

- Trimalchio \_\_\_\_\_
- Grail \_\_\_\_\_
- Belasco \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Themes

1. The corruption/decline of the American Dream is caused by materialism and a lack of morals \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dreams are often destroyed by reality \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Great Gatsby represents the disillusionment of the 1920s \_\_\_\_\_

- **Nick Carraway:** first person narrator and protagonist of the novel; every incident is filtered through and interpreted by him. Nick represents the middle class.
- **Jay Gatsby (James Gatz):** the supposed hero of the novel. Gatsby is a slippery character; his language, home, books, cars, and attire all glimmer like gold, but no one really knows what goes on inside of him or who he is.
- **Daisy Buchanan:** a Louisville, Kentucky, socialite born into tremendous wealth. Daisy is an empty-headed character, as fake and airy as her voice. She is lovely, slight, and careless. She lacks any substance.
- **Tom Buchanan:** Daisy's husband. A native Chicagoan, from a hugely wealthy family. He is rugged, gigantic, and brash, as well as racist, arrogant, and adulterous.
- **Jordan Baker:** a golfer—young, taut, and tan—and a pseudo love interest of Nick's. Jordan, too, lacks substance.
- **Myrtle Wilson:** resident of the valley of ashes, wife of George Wilson, mistress of Tom Buchanan. Desperate to escape her fate.
- **George Wilson:** sad proprietor of the gas station in the valley of ashes. A product of his economic hardship; Myrtle Wilson's husband.
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## Characters

Use this chart twice. First, fill it out before reading the novel. Then, after reading the novel, take out these pre-reading questions again. You can refer to the questions you discussed before you read *The Great Gatsby* to determine what opinions the novel has affected. \*Complete the chart in preparation for a discussion with your classmates.

Pre-Reading Discussion Question	Answers Before Reading	Answers After Reading	Changes? Write Yes or No
1. Based on the title alone, what are your thoughts about the themes and plot?			
2. What is the American Dream? Does the Dream change from era to era?			
3. How does Nick Carraway function as a first person narrator? How does he influence the novel's structure, integrity, credibility, and reader response?			
4. Do you find it difficult to empathize with characters who are empty, shallow, and/or completely selfish? Why or why not?			
5. Discuss a time when you felt like an outsider and tried to come to terms with this feeling, either by concentrating on another person or by turning your thoughts inward.			

## Themes · Allusions · Symbols

background, and his mother hailed from a working-class Irish family. He was named after Francis Scott Key, a relative of his father, who composed "The Star Spangled Banner."

● His early years were characterized by his social awkwardness, his loneliness, and his intense, highly romantic imagination. It wasn't until he attended Princeton University that he found a creative outlet. There he made lifelong friendships with other writers and became prominent in the university's literary scene.

● In spite of his literary successes, Fitzgerald struggled with his academic work, and he failed to graduate. He joined the army, and while he was stationed in Alabama, he met his future wife, Zelda Sayre. They married after his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*, was published.

● The couple had a daughter, Frances, and moved to France, where Fitzgerald completed his masterwork, *The Great Gatsby*.

● Not long after the novel's publication, Fitzgerald embarked on a drinking career that would ultimately be his downfall, and Zelda suffered a nervous breakdown and was committed to a mental institution. Fitzgerald's writing suffered in the haze of alcohol and the chaos of his life with Zelda. He then moved to Hollywood and found work as a scriptwriter.

● On December 21, 1940, Fitzgerald suffered a fatal heart attack and left his final novel, *The Last Tycoon*, unfinished.

### Novel Background

F. Scott Fitzgerald published *The Great Gatsby* in 1925, between World War I (1914–1918) and World War II (1939–1945). At this time, America was experiencing a split with its past, a past characterized by a predominantly agrarian (farming) society now quickly becoming urbanized and subject to the dizzying technological advances (the automobile, the assembly line, radio, movies) that were rapidly transforming all areas of American life.

## F. Scott Fitzgerald · The Great Gatsby

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3. What "matter" did Gatsby have Jordan Baker discuss with Nick?
4. Who is Mr. Wolfshiem?
5. What does Mr. Wolfshiem tell Nick about Gatsby?
6. What does Jordan tell Nick about Daisy, Gatsby and Tom?

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## STUDY GUIDE ANSWER KEY

### Chapter 1

1. How does the narrator describe Gatsby?

He says Gatsby had an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as he had never found in another person.

2. From where did the narrator come and why? The narrator came from the Midwest to study the bond business.

3. Describe the narrator's house.

The house is very elegant, middle-class. It is nothing extraordinary like his neighbors' houses. It is small and sort-of stuck in between the mansions, as if it had been overlooked.

4. Describe the Buchanans' house.

The Buchanans have a Colonial Georgian mansion. It is very formal and traditional.

5. How does Nick know Daisy and Tom? Daisy is Nick's cousin, and he knew Tom from his school years.

6. Describe Tom. What is our impression of him in Chapter 1?

Tom has an athletic build and an arrogant attitude. He is an old-money snob.

7. What kind of person is Daisy? In this chapter, we see Daisy as a flighty socialite—very superficial.

8. What did Miss Baker tell Nick about Tom?

She told him that Tom had a mistress. It is interesting to note that she thought "everyone" knew about Tom's mistress, and yet she whispers a "family secret" about the buider's nose.

9. When asked about her daughter, what does Daisy say? Daisy says, "I suppose she talks—and eats, and everything."

10. How is Gatsby introduced into the novel?

His name first comes up in conversation between Nick and Jordan. Later, Nick sees him out on the lawn in the moonlight, but Gatsby quickly vanishes. These first appearances help introduce Gatsby's mysteriousness.

### Chapter 2

1. What is the "valley of ashes"?

The valley of ashes is an industrial zone on the way to the city. It sharply contrasts with the wealthy neighborhood of the Buchanans.

2. What are the "eyes" of Dr. T. J. Eckleburg?

They are on a billboard, apparently close to George B. Wilson's garage, near the valley of ashes.

3. Who did Tom take Nick to meet? Tom took Nick to meet his mistress.

4. Identify Myrtle and George Wilson.

Myrtle Wilson was Tom's mistress. George was her husband, who, we learn later, kills Gatsby and himself.

5. What did Mrs. Wilson buy while she was out with Tom and Nick? She bought a dog.

6. Where did they go? What was at 1880th Street?

They went to an apartment that Tom apparently kept for their meetings.

7. Identify Catherine and Mr. & Mrs. McKee.

Catherine is Myrtle's sister. Mr. and Mrs. McKee live downstairs at the apartment complex.

8. What does Mr. McKee tell Nick about Gatsby?

He tells Nick that Gatsby is the nephew of Kaiser Wilhelm, another rumor which adds to Gatsby's mysteriousness.

9. What reason did Myrtle give for marrying George Wilson?

She thought he was a gentleman, but she regretted marrying him when she found out he borrowed a suit for her to wear to the wedding.

10. What did Tom do to Myrtle when she mentioned Daisy's name? He hit her and broke her nose.

### Chapter 3

1. Describe Gatsby's wealth. List some of the things that represent wealth.

Gatsby's wealth is "new" money, recently acquired, not old, family money. He is one of the newly rich in the period of the twenties. He spends his money on flashy, extravagant things (a huge home, a fantastic car, and

2. What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties?

The newly-rich, famous, and their friends come to Gatsby's parties.

4. What does Gatsby think about Daisy's relationship with Tom? He truly believes that she never did love him.

5. What is Daisy's reaction to both men?

She is obviously torn. She wants the escape that Gatsby provides, but she recognizes that a permanent relationship would not work. She needs Tom, who is just as superficial and "careless" as she is. She also agrees with the one who is most, Tom.

6. What happens on the way home from New York?

Gatsby and Daisy are driving home together in Gatsby's car. Daisy is driving to help calm herself after the confrontation the two men. At Wilson's place, Myrtle runs out into the road. Daisy runs into her with Gatsby's car, so that she has instead of stopping at the accident, continues home.

7. How do these people react to Myrtle's death?

a. Wilson: feels guilty as though he is responsible for her having the affair (and therefore for her running out into the new man)

b. Tom: His first instinct is to protect himself by telling Wilson that the yellow car was not his. He orders people who were at the scene (as usual), then he cries on the way home.

c. Nick: He felt sick and wanted to be left alone. He obviously felt bad about Myrtle and for George. He was worried about Gatsby and Daisy, and he was mad at Jordan for inviting him in to dinner.

d. Gatsby: Gatsby's main concern was for Daisy. He thought of Myrtle and did not want to hear the details of the accident scene.

8. What is the true relationship between Daisy and Tom?

They are birds of a feather. Daisy is a fairly weak person and Tom is very dominating, but they are both "careless" people. Neither one takes responsibility for his own actions.

### Chapter 8

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick about his past? Is it true?

He says he met Daisy and fell in love with her. He pretended to be able to take care of her, but he couldn't. She loved him, too, at that time. He went to the war and then to Oxford. Daisy wanted him to come home, but he couldn't or wouldn't. Daisy, under pressure to marry well, married Tom. Yes, it is true in basic facts.

2. What does Nick believe caused Myrtle to run? He thinks she was running away from Wilson.

3. Why did she run?

She thought Tom was in the yellow car because she had seen him in it earlier. She was running towards Tom.

4. Why does Wilson believe that Gatsby killed Myrtle? Tom told him that the yellow car was Gatsby's.

5. What does Wilson do? Wilson kills Gatsby and himself.

### Chapter 9

1. Why couldn't Nick get anyone to come to Gatsby's funeral?

Gatsby had no close friends. All of the party people were too shallow to hardly even meet him, much less become friends or care enough to attend his funeral. Tom and Daisy had gone out of town. Wolfsheimer was so shady he couldn't be seen at a funeral of someone who had been murdered. Klipspringer is more concerned about getting his gym shoes back than Gatsby's death.

2. Who is Henry C. Gatz?

He is Gatsby's father.

3. What is the book Henry Gatz shows Nick? Why is it important to the novel?

It is a copy of *Reading Gatsby* with one of Gatsby's personal addresses in it. It shows Gatsby's planning, his desire to work to get ahead, and his spirit for romantic adventure. All of these characteristics are classically American characteristics, which on a symbolic

level lift Gatsby from being just another character to representing the goal of American spirit.

4. What happens between Nick and Jordan Baker?

Nick breaks off the relationship. He just can't stand the ease with which she (and Tom and Daisy) let things slip by. They are too irresponsible for his moral sensibilities.

5. What does Nick say about people like Daisy and Tom?

He says they were careless — they smashed up things and creatures and retreated back to whatever kept them together, and they let other people clean up the mess they had made.

3. Why did Nick Carraway go to the party?

Nick went because Gatsby sent him a direct invitation, and he was curious about his neighbor.

4. How does Nick meet Gatsby?

He casually starts a conversation and Nick doesn't realize he is talking to Gatsby until Nick asks where Gatsby is.

5. What are some of the stories about Gatsby?

Some said he killed a man; some said he was a German spy during the war.

6. Is Gatsby a "phony"?

Yes, in the strictest sense of the word, but his motivating ideal is somewhat redemptive.

7. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.

They are just starting to be friendly and a romantic interest is budding.

### Chapter 4

1. Who is Klipspringer?

He is "the boarder," someone who always seems to be at Gatsby's house.

2. What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself?

Gatsby tells Nick that he was educated at Oxford, his family died, he came into some money, and when the war came, he got some medals. He showed Nick the medals and a picture of himself with his college mates.

3. What "matter" did Gatsby have Jordan Baker discuss with Nick?

Jordan discussed Nick's arranging a luncheon meeting between himself and Daisy at Nick's house.

4. Who is Mr. Wolfsheimer?

He is a business associate of Gatsby. Actually he is a racketeer and a very shady character. He fixed the World Series of 1919.

5. What does Mr. Wolfsheimer tell Nick about Gatsby?

He said that Gatsby was the kind of man you'd like to take home and introduce to your mother and your sister.

6. What does Jordan tell Nick about Daisy, Gatsby, and Tom?

She tells him that Daisy and Gatsby had a romance. Rumor had it that she tried to see Gatsby off to war, but her family would not let her go. Soon after, she married Tom. They seemed to be happy and then Tom had a mistress.

### Chapter 5

1. Describe the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy. Why was he so nervous?

The meeting was, at first, very awkward. Gatsby was nervous because his dream was on the threshold of coming true (or not). After they had a chance to talk, they were more at ease, and we presume rekindled their romance.

2. How long did it take Gatsby to make the money to buy the mansion? It took him three years.

3. Why did Gatsby want Daisy to see the house and his clothes?

He wanted to impress her with his wealth and to show her that he could afford to take care of her in the style to which she had been accustomed.

4. What had the green light on the dock meant to Gatsby? It stood for his vision of his future with Daisy.

5. What had Gatsby turned Daisy into in his own mind?

She was a larger-than-life person. "The vitality of his illusion had gone beyond Daisy—beyond everything."

### Chapter 6

1. What is Gatsby's real history? Where is he from, and what is his name?

He is James Gatz from North Dakota.

2. What did Dan Cody do for Gatsby?

Gatsby changed his name at age 17 when he met Dan Cody. Gatsby left to travel with Cody, which he did until Cody died. He inherited a large sum of Cody's money, but never got it because of legal technicalities. Cody educated Gatsby about money and the people who have it.

3. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party? How does this affect him?

Daisy does not like Gatsby's party. It is too much like an amusement park. When Gatsby figures out what she thinks, it disheartens him.

4. What does Gatsby want from Daisy?

He wants her to admit that she never loved Tom, that she always did and does still love Gatsby, and he wants her to leave Tom for him.

### Chapter 7

1. What was Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's child? He looks at her with surprise.

2. What did Wilson do to Myrtle? Why?

Wilson locked Myrtle in her room until they are able to get away from the area. He suspects she is having an affair.

3. Why do the four drive into the city on such a hot afternoon?

Daisy says, "It's so hot and everything's so confused. Let's go to town." She wants to change the subject and not have a confrontation between Tom and Gatsby, but more than that, the city represents a place where one can get away from personal problems by being swept away by the busy, exciting city life.