

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. How does the narrator describe Gatsby?
2. From where did the narrator come, and why?
3. Describe the narrator's house.
4. Describe the Buchanan's house.
5. How does Nick know Daisy and Tom?
6. Describe Tom. What is our impression of him in Chapter 1?
7. What kind of person is Daisy?
8. What did Miss Baker tell Nick about Tom?
9. When asked about her daughter, what does Daisy say?

Chapter 2

1. What is the "valley of ashes"?
2. What are the eyes of Dr. T. J. Eckleburg?
3. Who did Tom take Nick to meet?
4. Identify Myrtle and George Wilson.
5. What did Mrs. Wilson buy while she was out with Tom and Nick?
6. Where did they go? What was at 158th Street?
7. Identify Catherine and Mr. & Mrs. McKee?
8. What does Mr. McKee tell Nick about Gatsby?
9. What reason did Myrtle give for marrying George Wilson?
10. What did Tom do to Myrtle when she mentioned Daisy's name?

Chapter 3

1. Describe Gatsby's wealth. List some of the things that represent his wealth.
2. What kinds 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?
6. Is Gatsby a 'phony'?
7. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.

Chapter 4

1. Who is Klipspringer?
2. What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself?
3. Who is Meyer Wolfsheim?
4. What does Mr. Wolfsheim tell Nick about Gatsby?
5. What information does Jordan divulge about Daisy, Gatsby, and Tom?
6. What request did Gatsby make of Nick, through Jordan Baker?
7. What information further develops the character of Tom Buchanan?

Chapter 5

1. Describe the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy. Why was he so nervous?
2. How long did it take Gatsby to make the money to buy his mansion?
3. Why did Gatsby want Daisy to see the house and his clothes?
4. What had the green light on the dock meant to Gatsby?
5. What had Gatsby turned Daisy into in his own mind?

Chapter 6

1. What is Gatsby's real history? Where is he from, and what is his real name?
2. What effect did Don Cody have on Gatsby's life?
3. What doesn't Gatsby realize about Mrs. Sloane's dinner invitation?
4. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party? How does this affect him?
5. What does Gatsby want from Daisy?

Chapter 7

1. What was Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's child?
2. What did Wilson do to Myrtle? Why?
3. Who went for a drive into the city, and in which cars?
4. What does Gatsby think about Daisy's relationship with Tom?
5. What is Daisy's reaction to both men?
6. What happens on the way home from New York?
7. How does each of the following people react to the death?
 - a. Wilson
 - b. Tom
 - c. Nick
 - d. Gatsby
8. What is the true relationship between Daisy and Tom?

Chapter 8

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick about his past? Is it true?
2. What does Michaelis believe caused Myrtle to run? Why did she really run?
3. What did George see as proof that Myrtle was having an affair?
4. How does George Wilson view the eyes of Dr. Eckleburg?
5. Why does George Wilson believe that Gatsby killed Myrtle?
6. What does Wilson do?

Chapter 9

1. Why couldn't Nick get anyone to come to Gatsby's funeral?
2. Who is Henry C. Gatz? What additional information does he give about his son?
3. What is the book Henry Gatz shows Nick? Why is it important to the novel?
4. What happens between Nick and Jordan Baker?
5. Why does Nick call Daisy and Tom 'careless people'?