

The Great Gatsby
Study Guide
Summer Reading-Honors 10

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a novel depicting the frivolity and the irresponsibility of the 1920's. The story is a great love story tracing one man's devotion to a woman over the course of many years that included a war and his own rise to power. It is also a convicting tale that characterizes a wealthy class that lives a life of self-aggrandizement and self-indulgence that impacts all they encounter. It is a modernistic response of disillusionment to a lifestyle that characterized the age but ruined Fitzgerald's own family.

Section 1-1. Write down your honest initial reaction to the introduction to Gatsby.

2. How is your attitude affected by the fact that Fitzgerald himself, prior to publishing *Gatsby*, said, "I want to write something *new*-something extraordinary and beautiful and simple + intricately patterned"?

3. List three adjectives to describe the narrator. Give three reasons why this description is important to you as a reader.

4. Why is *Gatsby* "great"? Considering these questions, what do you feel you should be looking for as you read this book.

Chapters 1-2-Describe and analyze the importance of the following in chapters 1-2.

East Egg-

West Egg-

Tom and Daisy Buchanan's relationship-

The narrator and his job-

Myrtle Wilson-

T.J. Eckleburg and the Valley of Ashes-

The apartment in the city-

People's attitudes toward Gatsby-

Chapters 3-4-Describe and analyze the importance of the following in chapters 3-4.

Gatsby's party-

The owl-eyed man-

Jordan Baker and honesty-

Mr. Wolfsheim-

Tom and Daisy's wedding-

Chapters 5-6-Describe and analyze the importance of the following in chapters 5-6.

The tea at Nick's house-

The clock on the mantel-

Gatsby's shirts-

Gatsby's perception of the green light-

Dan Cody-

The encounter between Gatsby/Mr. Sloane/ the woman/and Tom-

The movie star and her director at Gatsby's party-

Chapters 7-8-Describe and analyze the importance of the following in chapters 7-8.

Daisy's daughter-

Wilson's discovery and decision about his wife-

Gatsby's car-

The demand Gatsby makes of Daisy-

The accident-

Gatsby's behavior after the accident-

