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Pre-Reading Why are we still reading a book written in the 1920's? What gives a book its longevity? How was the 1920's a reaction to WWI? Some people think that having money leads to happiness. Do you agree? Why or why not? What are the advantages or disadvantages of being wealthy. What is the "American Dream"? Where did it originate, and how has it changed over the centuries? Have you ever wanted to relive a moment from your past, to redo it? Describe the situation. How and why would you change the past? Return to top

More Great Gatsby Resources Chapter 1 Notice how many times Fitzgerald uses the words hope or dream. Why does he do this? Nick starts the novel by relaying his father's advice "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had." List Nick's advantages. Does he reserve judgement in his novel? Pay attention to time. What is the day and year during the first scene at Daisy's house? Describe Nick. What facts do you know about him, and what do you infer about him? What kind of a narrator do you think he will be? What image does the author use to describe Jordan Baker? What does it mean? How does Nick react to Jordan? What does Tom's behavior reveal about his character? Return to top

Chapter 2 Describe the "valley of ashes." What does it look like and what does it represent? Describe Mr. Wilson and Myrtle. Do they seem to fit into the setting? What more have you learned about Nick in this chapter? Is he similar or different than the people he spends his time with? Describe the violent act Tom committed against Myrtle. What does this reveal about him?Return to top

Chapter 3 Pay attention to Nick's judgements. What do they reveal about his character that he does this (especially in relation to his opening comments)? Describe Gatsby's first time Nick sees him. What rumors have been told about Gatsby? Why does Fitzgerald reveal rumors rather than fact? What does Nick think of Gatsby after meeting him? How is Gatsby different from his guests? Why does Nick choose to share his thoughts and feelings with Jordan? Nick thinks he's one of the few honest people he knows, why? Do you think he is honest?Return to top

Chapter 4 List all of the rumors told about Gatsby. Why does Fitzgerald list all of Gatsby's party guests? Why does Gatsby tell Nick about his life? Do you believe Gatsby? Does Nick? What role does Meyer Wolfsheim play in the novel? Why is there so much focus on his nose and what does this tell you about Fitzgerald's politics? What does Jordan's story of Daisy's marriage reveal about Daisy? Why did Gatsby want Daisy to see his house? Nick says, "There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired."

What does Nick mean? How does each character in the novel fit into this schema?Return to top

Chapter 5 Why does Gatsby deliver so many goods and services to Nick's house? Describe the effect of rain on the plot. Why does Gatsby offer Nick work? How does Nick feel about this? Explain the significance of the green light. Why does Gatsby get so many phone calls? What does this say about him?Return to top

Chapter 6 How truthful was Gatsby when he relayed the story of his life to Nick? Why does Fitzgerald tell the story of Jay Gatz now? Describe the meeting of Tom and Gatsby. What does this meeting reveal about them? Why did Daisy and Tom find Gatsby's party loathsome? How did Gatsby measure the success of his party? When Nick told Gatsby that "you can't repeat the past", Gatsby replied, "Why of course you can!" Do you agree with Nick or Gatsby?Return to top

Chapter 7 Who is Trimachio? Explain how this describes Gatsby. Describe Daisy and Gatsby's new relationship. Compare George Wilson and Tom. What did each man learn about his wife and how did they each react? If Daisy says she's never loved Tom, is there someone whom she thinks she loves? Describe the fight between Gatsby and Tom. What do these men think of each other? How are they similar and how are they different? What was significant about Nick's 30th birthday? What do you think Tom and Daisy were saying to each other in the kitchen? Do you think that Tom knew Daisy was driving the "death car"? Why, why not? At this point, how would you end the novel?Return to top

Chapter 8 How does Fitzgerald achieve a melancholic mood in the beginning of this chapter? How are seasons used in constructing this novel? Who is Dan Cody and what is his significance in Gatsby's life? How does Nick's statement "You're worth the whole bunch put together" show a change in Nick from the beginning of the novel? How does T. J. Eckleberg affect Mr. Wilson?Return to top

Chapter 9 Why did Nick take care of Gatsby's funeral? How was Jay Gatz's childhood schedule consistent with the adult Gatsby's behavior? Who attended Gatsby's funeral? How and why is this significant? What is the purpose of Nick's last meeting with Jordan? Why does Nick call Tom and Daisy "careless people"?Return to top

Post Reading Does this novel have villains and heroes? Why, why not? If yes, who fits into these categories and why? Nick is both part of the action and acting as an objective commentator. Does this narration style work? Why, why not? How did Fitzgerald use weather to reflect the mood of the story? Again, why are we still reading a book written in the 1920's? What gives a book its longevity? And which of its themes are eternal in the American psyche. Return to The Great Gatsby Index Page.

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It asks for biographical insights into Gatsby, tSaveSave The Great Gatsby Ch 6 Questions For Later0%0% found this document useful, undefined1. Question: What does Gatsby's transformation from James Gatz to Jay Gatsby signify about identity in the novel?Answer: Gatsby's transformation symbolizes the idea that identity can be constructed and reinvented. By changing his name and lifestyle, Gatsby attempts to create a new self that transcends his humble beginnings. This reflects the broader theme of the American Dream, where personal reinvention is both possible and necessary to achieve success and acceptance in society.2. Question: How does Fitzgerald illustrate the concept of the American Dream through Gatsby's aspirations?Answer: Fitzgerald illustrates the American Dream through Gatsby's relentless pursuit of wealth and status, believing that they will ultimately win him Daisy's love. Gatsby's idealization of Daisy and his dream of a life together symbolize the elusive nature of the American Dream and its often unattainable quality, suggesting that wealth does not guarantee fulfillment or happiness.3. Question: Why does Gatsby insist that he can repeat the past?Answer: Gatsby's insistence that he can repeat the past illustrates his deep longing for the idealized version of his life he had with Daisy. He believes that if he can recreate the circumstances of their earlier romance, he can reclaim the happiness and innocence he associates with that time. This perspective reveals Gatsby's naivety and foreshadows the eventual tragedy that arises from his inability to accept the changes that time has wrought.4. Question: What role does Tom Buchanan play in Gatsby's life during the party and how does it affect Gatsby's hopes?Answer: Tom Buchanan serves as an embodiment of the old money aristocracy, contrasting sharply with Gatsby's self-made wealth and status. His presence at the party heightens the tension and creates an atmosphere of unease for Gatsby. Tom's disdain and skepticism of Gatsby undermine Gatsby's aspirations, reminding him of the social barriers that persist despite his wealth. Tom's skepticism directly impacts Gatsby's hopes for rekindling his romance with Daisy.5. Question: How does Daisy's reaction to Gatsby's party reflect her views on wealth and social status?Answer: Daisy's reaction to Gatsby's lavish party is mixed, reflecting her conflicted feelings about wealth and social status. While she is initially charmed by the glamour and excitement, she becomes appalled by the superficiality and the 'common' elements of West Egg society. This reveals her attachments to her own social class and highlights the emptiness of wealth that lacks authenticity.6. Question: What is the significance of Gatsby's desire to 'fix everything just the way it was before'?Answer: Gatsby's desire to 'fix everything just the way it was before' signifies his inability to move on from the past and his fixation on an idealized version of his life with Daisy. This yearning emphasizes the themes of nostalgia and the impossibility of reclaiming lost time. It illustrates the existential struggle that Gatsby faces as he grapples with the reality that the past cannot be resurrected, regardless of his wealth and determination.7. Question: In what way does the party scene illustrate the divide between old money and new money?Answer: The party scene illustrates the divide between old money and new money through the interactions and attitudes of the characters present. Tom Buchanan, embodying old money, looks down upon Gatsby and his guests, demonstrating the disdain the established elite have for those who have newly acquired wealth. This social hierarchy is highlighted by Tom's arrogance and the superficiality of Gatsby's party, showcasing the tensions between those who inherit their wealth and those who strive for it.8. Question: What does Gatsby's perspective on his past relationship with Daisy reveal about his character?Answer: Gatsby's perspective on his past relationship with Daisy reveals his idealistic and romantic nature, as well as his profound sense of longing and hope. Despite the many changes that have occurred over the years, Gatsby clings to his memories of Daisy as if they are sacred. This fixation demonstrates both his charm and his tragic flaw: his inability to accept reality and his propensity to live in an illusion.9. Question: How does Fitzgerald use symbolism in Gatsby's parties to comment on the era's social values?Answer: Fitzgerald uses Gatsby's extravagant parties as a symbol of the excess and superficiality that characterize the Jazz Age, reflecting the era's social values. The lavishness represents the quest for pleasure and status, yet the emptiness of the parties also reveals the hollowness beneath the glittering surface of wealth. This duality critiques the moral decay and disillusionment present in society, suggesting that the pursuit of the American Dream can lead to emptiness and despair.10. Question: What does the ending of this chapter suggest about Gatsby's future?Answer: The ending of this chapter suggests that Gatsby's future is fraught with uncertainty and disappointment. Despite his wealth and determination to reclaim his past with Daisy, the foreshadowing of tragedy implies that his dreams may not come to fruition. The contrast between his hopeful aspirations and the harsh reality he faces indicates that the idealism he embodies is likely to lead to disillusionment rather than fulfillment.Page 21. Question: What does Gatsby's decision to fire his servants signify about his relationship with Daisy?Answer: Gatsby's decision to fire his servants reflects his desire to eliminate gossip and maintain a sense of intimacy with Daisy. He wants a private space for their meetings, indicating how much he values his relationship with her, despite the drastic measures he's taking.2. Question: How do the temperatures in the narrative symbolize the emotional tensions between the characters?Answer: The oppressive heat symbolizes the increasing tension and discomfort among the characters. Just as the heat makes them irritable and exhausted, their emotional conflicts reach a boiling point, directly correlating with their uncomfortable interactions and revelations during their time together.3. Question: In what ways does the conversation about the sun's temperature foreshadow later events in the chapter?Answer: Tom's whimsical comments about the sun getting hotter or colder serve as a metaphor for the heated exchanges and rising tensions among the characters. It foreshadows the emotional 'meltdown' that occurs later in the chapter as secrets and accusations come to the surface.4. Question: What does Daisy's statement 'Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall' suggest about her outlook on life?Answer: Daisy's statement suggests that she sees the changing seasons as a metaphor for renewal and hope. Despite her current dissatisfaction and emotional turmoil, she longs for a time when things will feel fresh and new, hinting at her desire to escape her troubles.5. Question: How does Gatsby's view of Daisy convey his perception of the American Dream?Answer: Gatsby sees Daisy as the embodiment of his idealized dream; she represents wealth, beauty, and social status, which he constantly strives to attain. This relationship culminates in his obsession with the American Dream, yet it also illustrates the disillusionment that follows, as his dream is ultimately unattainable.6. Question: What is the significance of Tom's role in confronting Gatsby during their lunch?Answer: Tom's confrontation signifies the clash between old money (represented by Tom) and new money (represented by Gatsby). Tom's hostility reveals his insecurities and desire to protect his social status, ultimately driving the wedge further between Gatsby and Daisy.7. Question: What themes emerge regarding love and fidelity through Daisys conflicted feelings towards Gatsby and Tom?Answer: Daisy's conflicting feelings suggest themes of love versus loyalty. Her nostalgia for Gatsby's life clashes with her current reality with Tom, highlighting the complexity of human emotions and the difficulty of reconciling true love with societal expectations.8. Question: How does Fitzgerald use the character of Myrtle Wilson to comment on the themes of class and desire?Answer: Myrtle's character epitomizes the destructive nature of desire for a life of wealth. Her tragic end underscores the dangers of striving for a social class she cannot genuinely attain and the inevitable consequences that accompany such ambitions.9. Question: What lesson can be drawn from Gatsby's unwavering loyalty to Daisy despite her indecision?Answer: Gatsby's loyalty to Daisy, despite her indecision, illustrates the compelling nature of idealism and the danger of placing one's identity in the hands of others. It highlights the risks associated with unrequited love and the blind pursuit of an unattainable dream.10. Question: What does the ending of the chapter suggest about the inevitability of tragedy in pursuit of the American Dream?Answer: The chapters ending foreshadows tragedy, suggesting that the relentless pursuit of the American Dream often leads to despair and moral failure. Gatsby's blind devotion to Daisy and the labyrinth of deceit surrounding them indicate that dreams can become nightmares, culminating in devastation.Page 31. Question: What does Gatsby's inability to leave Daisy reflect about his character and desires?Answer: Gatsby's unwillingness to leave Daisy signifies his deep, obsessive love and his inability to let go of the dream he has built around her. It shows how he is anchored in hope, clinging to the possibility of rekindling their past romance, despite the reality of their circumstances. This devotion to an idealDaisy as the embodiment of his dreamsdemonstrates Gatsby's tragic flaw: his romantic idealism often blinds him to the realities of life.2. Question: What does the description of Daisy's house symbolize in Gatsby's eyes?Answer: In Gatsby's eyes, Daisy's house symbolizes unattainable wealth and the allure of a life he yearns for but feels excluded from. It represents a world of privilege and beauty that he associates with Daisy and the life he aspires to have. The sense of breathless intensity he feels there indicates how much he idealizes not just Daisy, but the whole lifestyle she represents, marking a stark contrast to his humble beginnings.3. Question: How does the author depict the theme of the American Dream through Gatsby's experiences?Answer: Gatsby's experiences reflect the disillusionment with the American Dream, showcasing how it can lead to deep desire and tragic outcomes. His rise from poverty to wealth embodies the dream's promise, yet his ultimate failure to attain true happiness with Daisy reveals its hollowness. Gatsby's pursuit of his ideal life collapses under the weight of societal realities and personal choices, illustrating that the dream is often an illusion, full of emptiness and frustration.4. Question: What is the significance of Gatsby's struggle with his identity throughout the chapter?Answer: Gatsby's struggle with identity underscores the theme of reinvention central to his character. He transforms from James Gatz, a poor farmer's son, to Jay Gatsby, a wealthy socialite. This transformation, however, is superficial; he grapples with feelings of inadequacy and lack of a true past, which leave him haunted by the very ideals he seeks to embody. His identity crisis illustrates the impossibility of escaping one's origins, as well as the emptiness of a self-made persona tied to material wealth.5. Question: How does the metaphor of the 'green light' function within Gatsby's narrative?Answer: The 'green light' symbolizes Gatsby's unreachable goals and the hope he has for a future with Daisy. Throughout the chapter, it serves as a poignant reminder of his desires and the barriers between aspiration and reality. As Gatsby yearns for what the light representsDaisy and the happiness he associates with herhe also faces the painful truth of its inaccessibility, highlighting the overarching theme of unattainable dreams.6. Question: What is the impact of time on Gatsby's relationship with Daisy and his dreams?Answer: Time plays a critical role in Gatsby's relationship with Daisy. Their past romance, idealized in his memory, contrasts with the reality of their lives now. Gatsby's dreams are bound by a sense of urgency to reclaim a lost past, yet as time progresses, the distance between them only widens, illustrating the inevitability of change and the fading of dreams. His fixation on a moment in time reflects the futility of trying to restore something that has irrevocably altered.7. Question: What role does the setting play in shaping the mood and events of this chapter?Answer: The setting significantly shapes the mood and events in this chapter. From the oppressive night filled with foghorns to the lively yet hollow parties at Gatsby's mansion. The changing atmospherefrom the nostalgic warmth of Gatsby's memories with Daisy to the chilling realization of their fractured relationshipmirrors his emotional journey. Ultimately, the spacious yet lonely mansion reflects Gatsby's isolation amid his wealth, amplifying the tragedy of his circumstances.8. Question: How does Fitzgerald portray the concept of love in Gatsby and Daisy's relationship?Answer: Fitzgerald portrays love in Gatsby and Daisy's relationship as complex and ultimately tragic. Gatsby's love is intense, idealistic, and driven by a desire to reclaim a perfect moment from the past, while Daisy's love is more pragmatic and entangled with her comfortable lifestyle. This disparity highlights the theme of love versus illusion, whereby Gatsby's romantic vision clashes with the harsh realities of Daisy's choices and the nature of their relationship.9. Question: What does the interaction between Gatsby and Nick reveal about their friendship?Answer: The interaction between Gatsby and Nick reveals a dynamic of loyalty and disillusionment. Nick, as Gatsby's confidant, represents a bridge between Gatsby's idealism and the harsh truths of their environment. Despite Nick's disapproval of Gatsby's methods, he admires Gatsby's relentless pursuit of his dreams. This complexity in their friendship illustrates how loyalty can coexist with moral conflict, ultimately culminating in Nick's realization of Gatsby's tragic flaws.10. Question: Why does Gatsby refer to his love for Daisy as 'personal', and what does this reveal about his understanding of relationships?Answer: Gatsby referring to his love for Daisy as 'personal' underscores his deep emotional investment and his view of love as a singular, pivotal experience in his life. This reveals his naiveté about relationships, as he perceives love in an idealized and almost possessive manner, failing to recognize the complexities and mutuality required for genuine connection. It highlights his obsession with Daisy as not just affection, but an integral part of his envisioned identity and success.Page 41. Question: What is the significance of when Nick realizes he is responsible for Gatsby's legacy after Gatsby's death?Answer: Nick's realization of his responsibility highlights the theme of isolation and the emptiness of Gatsby's life. Despite all the grandeur and parties, when Gatsby dies, few care or mourn him, and Nick, who barely knew him, feels a sense of solitary duty to honor him. This reflects the larger societal indifference towards individuals who chase unattainable dreams and the implications of such pursuits on personal connections.2. Question: How does Gatsby's father's arrival contrast with the events following Gatsby's death?Answer: Mr. Gatz's arrival is marked by a sense of genuine grief and pride, contrasting with the lack of interest shown by Gatsby's so-called friends and associates. This juxtaposition emphasizes the disparity between true familial love and the superficial connections that defined Gatsby's social circles. Mr. Gatz's admiration for Gatsby's success highlights the genuine affection and hope of a father contrasted with the callousness of those who sought to benefit from Gatsby's wealth.3. Question: What does Tom Buchanan's reaction to Gatsby's death reveal about his character?Answer: Tom's dismissive attitude and self-justification underline his moral corruption and inherent selfishness. His remarks about Wilson and the accident demonstrate a lack of accountability and empathy, reflecting the broader theme of carelessness among the wealthy elite in the novel. Tom remains ensconced in his privileges and refuses to confront the gravity of his actions, showcasing the hollowness of his values.4. Question: What is the symbolic meaning of the green light at the end of Daisy's dock in the context of Gatsby's dreams?Answer: The green light symbolizes Gatsby's unreachable aspirations and the American Dream itself. It represents hope, desire, and the endless pursuit of happiness that is ultimately elusive. Gatsby's belief in the green light reflects his unwavering optimism, but as the narrative unfolds, it becomes a poignant reminder of how dreams can remain perpetually out of reach, leading to despair.5. Question: How does Nick's disillusionment with the East and its lifestyle manifest at the end of the novel?Answer: Nick's disenchantment is illustrated by his decision to return to the Midwest, where he feels a sense of belonging and moral clarity. The East, with its superficial glamour and moral decay, contrasts sharply with the values he associates with his upbringing. His reflections on Gatsby's dream and the empty pursuit of wealth cement his understanding that the allure of the East is ultimately hollow, leading him to seek authenticity away from it.6. Question: What does the ending suggest about the nature of human ambition?Answer: The ending suggests that human ambition often faces insurmountable obstacles, represented by the metaphor of 'boats against the current.' Despite Gatsby's relentless pursuit of his dreams, he is ultimately unable to escape the past or societal constraints. It poignantly captures the tragic cycle of striving for unattainable goals and the inevitable return to reality, highlighting the fragility of dreams and the relentless nature of time.7. Question: What lesson can be learned from Gatsby's unwavering belief in the green light?Answer: Gatsby's belief in the green light teaches us about the power of hope and ambition but also warns about the dangers of idealism detached from reality. It illustrates that while dreams can motivate and drive individuals, they can also lead to disillusionment if one loses sight of the present and struggles to adapt to the harsh truths of life. Gatsby's tragic fate serves as a cautionary tale about the balance between aspiration and acceptance.8. Question: In what ways does the text reflect the theme of loss and mourning?Answer: The text reflects loss profoundly through Gatsby's death and the subsequent absences at his funeral, emphasizing how many who thrived in his lavish world are absent when he needs them most. This lack of genuine connections in his life emphasizes the hollowness of the relationships he cultivated. The mournful atmosphere surrounding Gatsby's funeral with only Mr. Gatz and a few others attending enhances the theme of alienation and the stark reality of mortality.

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