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*The Great Gatsby* Studyguide

Answer each question thoroughly.

Chapter 1

1. What advice did the narrator's father give him when he was younger?
2. How does Nick Carraway describe himself at the beginning of the novel?
3. What is East Egg and West Egg? What is the difference between them?
4. Who lives next to the narrator? Describe his house:
5. Describe Tom Buchanan physically and emotionally:
6. Describe Daisy Buchanan physically and emotionally:
7. Describe Jordan Baker physically and emotionally:
8. How does Daisy act during dinner? What things does she say and do that reveal her inner conflicts?
9. According to Jordan, who calls Tom?
10. Nick thinks that, given the state of their marriage, Daisy should leave Tom, but it is clear to him that she has no intention of doing so. What keeps them closely linked even though they have marital difficulties?

11. What is Gatsby staring at as Chapter 1 closes?

## Chapter 2

1. Describe the “Valley of the Ashes”:
2. Who lives there?
3. Why does Tom bring Nick there?
4. Describe the image that watches over the valley:
5. How does Tom treat George Wilson?
6. How does Tom treat his affair with Myrtle?
7. How does Tom treat the man selling the puppies?
8. How do the guests at Myrtle and Tom’s party behave?
9. Why did Myrtle supposedly marry George? Do you believe her? Why or why not?
10. Why does Tom break Myrtle’s nose?

### Chapter 3

1. List the preparations made for Gatsby's party:
2. What makes Nick different from the other guests at the party?
3. What are some of the rumors that circulate about Gatsby?
4. Why is Nick surprised to discover who Gatsby is?
5. What past connection do Nick and Gatsby have?
6. Who do Nick and Jordan meet in the library? What is he so stunned about?
7. What phrase do you notice Gatsby keeps using?
8. What happens at the end of the evening that draws a crowd? Who is involved?
9. What does Nick start to remember or notice about Jordan as the summer goes on?  
List all:
10. What does Nick claim about himself at the end of the chapter?

### Chapter 4

1. Name three people who attended Gatsby's parties that summer:
2. Describe Gatsby's car:

3. List two details about his past that Gatsby tells Nick.

Do you believe him? Why or why not?

4. What happens when Gatsby gets stopped for speeding?
5. With whom do Nick and Gatsby meet up for lunch?
6. What do you think this man does for a living?  
Why? What indications of that are provided?
7. What did he “fix”?
8. “One October day in nineteen-seventeen---...” Who is narrating this section?  
What literary element is being used?
9. What do we learn about Daisy’s past in this section?
10. Who do you think the letter was from?
11. What did Tom start doing within a few months of his wedding?
12. How long ago, according to Jordan, did Daisy hear the name “Gatsby” again?
13. Why did Gatsby buy his house on West Egg?
14. What is Gatsby’s request?
15. Does Daisy know about it?

## Chapter 5

1. What does Gatsby offer Nick in exchange for setting up the tea date? How does Nick react?
2. What kind of preparations does Gatsby arrange for the date?
3. How does Daisy respond to seeing Gatsby again?
4. What happens as Gatsby is leaning against the mantel?
5. How long has it been since Daisy last saw Gatsby?
6. When Nick comes back into the house after having waited outside, what does he notice Daisy has been doing?
7. Though Gatsby was very nervous and embarrassed upon first meeting Daisy again, how has his emotional state changed by the time Nick reappears?
8. Where does Gatsby bring Nick and Daisy?  
  
Why do you think he does this?
9. How does Nick catch Gatsby in a lie when talking about the cost of his house?
10. What is the name of the man who hangs out at Gatsby's house all the time, taking advantage of Gatsby's good nature?

11. Who used to be Gatsby's best friend?

12. What do you think will happen between Gatsby and Daisy after this point?

#### Chapter 6

1. What is Gatsby's real name?

2. Where is he from?

3. At what moment did he decide to become Gatsby?

How old was he?

4. Where did he go to college for two weeks?

How did he pay for it?

Why did he leave?

5. How did Cody make his money?

6. What happened to the money Gatsby was supposed to inherit from Cody?

7. Who stops at Gatsby's house one Sunday afternoon?

8. How does Gatsby act when Tom is around?

Why do you think he acts this way?

9. What hypocritical remark does Tom make about women as he tries to figure out how Gatsby knows Daisy?

10. When is the only time at Gatsby's next party that Daisy enjoys herself?
11. What does Tom want to know about Gatsby?
12. When Nick talks to Gatsby after the party, what does he realize Gatsby wants Daisy to tell Tom?
13. What advice or reminder does Nick give Gatsby, warning him that the dream of rebuilding his life with Daisy might not come true? (Write it here)

#### Chapter 7

1. Why does Gatsby fire all his servants?
2. How does Tom feel about Gatsby?
3. How does Gatsby react to meeting Daisy's daughter?
4. As they all sit around trying to stay cool in the hot house, how does Daisy tell Gatsby that she loves him?

Who notices this?

5. What does Gatsby say Daisy's voice is full of?
6. How does Tom refer to Gatsby's car?
7. Who goes to town, and in which cars?

8. Where do they stop for gas?
9. Why is Wilson sick?
  
10. Where does he plan to take his wife, Myrtle?
  
11. Who is staring at them from the window?
12. Who does this person think Jordan is?
  
13. Where do they go in the city?
  
14. Explain what happens there:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What does Gatsby tell Tom about Daisy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Why does he think Daisy married Tom?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What does Gatsby insist Daisy admit?  
  
Does she?
  
  
18. Though she loves Gatsby, what does she say that hurts him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. What does Tom reveal about how Gatsby earned his fortune?

20. Daisy is forced to defend Gatsby, but “with every word, she was drawing further and further into herself, so...only the dead dream fought on...” What has happened to Daisy’s courage?

Who has won Daisy?

How do you know?

21. What does Nick suddenly remember?

22. What happened to Myrtle?

Why did she run out?

23. Whose car was involved?

24. Who does Tom think was driving?

25. Where is Gatsby hiding?

Why?

26. Who was actually driving?

How will Gatsby lie for that person?

Why?

27. Why is Gatsby waiting there?

28. As we see into the window, what indication is given that Daisy will not leave her husband?

## Chapter 8

1. Why does Nick jump out of bed at the sound of a taxi?
2. Gatsby had been waiting in Daisy's bushes all night. Did anything come of it?
3. What does Nick recommend Gatsby should do?  
Why?  
What is Gatsby's reaction?
4. Why, as Nick learns that night, did Gatsby fall in love with Daisy?
5. Describe Gatsby's career in the war:
6. What does Gatsby *not* want his servant to do that day?
7. Why doesn't Nick want to go to work that day?
8. What does Nick say to Gatsby as he leaves? (Write it here)
9. Why has he always been pleased he said it?
10. How does Nick's conversation with Jordan end?
11. Nick backtracks in time to tell what happened with Wilson after the accident.

Who waits with and comforts Wilson?

12. What does George Wilson want him to locate in the drawer?

Why does Myrtle have that item?

Why would Wilson be suspicious about it?

13. Did Wilson know of her affair?

What did he say that gives you proof of this?

14. What did he think the billboard, advertising Dr. T.J. Eckleburg's business, was?

15. Where is Wilson heading?

16. Gatsby is waiting for a phone call. Who do you think he is expecting to call him?

Does that person ever call?

17. Who heard the shots?

18. What happened to Gatsby?

Who did this to him?

19. What happened to Wilson?

## Chapter 9

1. How long has it been since that day?

2. Does anyone correct the suspicion and reports that Myrtle was having an affair with Gatsby?

If so, who?

3. On whose side does Nick find himself?  
Does anyone else feel this way?

4. Where are Daisy and Tom?
5. What seems to have happened to all of Gatsby's acquaintances and friends?
6. Someone calls and thinks Nick is Gatsby. What sort of business does his conversation imply Gatsby took part in?
7. Who arrives from Minnesota?
8. Why is Nick relieved when Klipspringer calls?

What does Klipspringer want?

How does Nick respond?

9. Who made Gatsby a millionaire?
10. Why won't Wolfsheim attend the funeral?
11. What does the chart that Mr. Gatz shows to Nick reveal about Gatsby, even at a young age?
12. Who are the only people attending the funeral?
13. How does Nick feel about the East?
14. Who convinced Wilson that Gatsby killed Myrtle?
15. Can Nick forgive that person?  
What does he say about Tom and Daisy? (Write it here)
16. Where does Nick go at the end of the book (*not* Gatsby's)?