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The Great Gatsby Study Guide: Chapters 6-7
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Chapter VI

1. Who are Gatsby's parents and what is he leaving when he leaves home at 16?
2. When and why does James Gatz change his name to Jay Gatsby?
3. Nick says, "So he [Gatsby] invented just the sort of Jay Gatsby that a seventeen year-old boy would likely invent, and to this conception he was faithful to the end." For James Gatz, what would the ideal Jay Gatsby be like, do and have?
4. To young Gatz, what does Dan Cody's yacht represent?
5. Why does Gatsby not get the \$25,000 left him in Cody's will?
6. Which one of Gatsby's guests wants to invite him to dinner?

7. What does Gatsby not have that those of old money have?
8. How does Gatsby show that he doesn't understand the social customs of East Egg?
9. At the party, what is Tom referred to, which he does not appreciate?
10. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party?
11. While the reader could have easily predicted Daisy and Tom's reactions to his party, Gatsby cannot. Why not?
12. When Gatsby says that he cannot make Daisy understand, what is it that he wants her to understand?
13. What is Nick's view of repeating the past, and what is Gatsby's opinion? Why is Gatsby's opinion unrealistic?

Chapter VII

1. Why do you suppose, Fitzgerald links the behavior of the characters to the hottest day of the summer?
2. When Gatsby briefly meets Daisy's little girl, he is somewhat unnerved. Symbolically, what does the little girl represent?
3. What causes Tom to realize that his wife has been having an affair with Gatsby?
4. Describe the driving arrangements that brings the five characters into the city.
5. What indication is there that Tom means quite a bit to Myrtle?
6. Besides Myrtle's, what other eyes "kept their vigil" on the activities along the roadway?
7. As always, there is a grain of truth in what Gatsby says. In what sense is he an Oxford man?

8. Daisy says that Tom is “revolting.” To what, can you imagine, is she referring?
9. Why does Daisy have a tough time saying, as Gatsby wishes, that she never loved Tom?
10. Why is it so important to Gatsby that Daisy say she never loved Tom?
11. How has Gatsby earned most of his money, and what does Tom say that startles Gatsby?
12. What is Daisy’s reaction to this news?
13. Describe the hit-and-run scene.
14. Why does Tom make the point to Wilson that he just drove the coupe from New York and the yellow car does not actually belong to him?
15. What indication is there that Tom really was fond of Myrtle?

16. What does the reader learn that Tom does not know?

17. What is the scene that Nick observes that is taking place between Tom and Daisy in the kitchen?

18. Why does this scene suggest ill for Gatsby?