

THE GREAT GATSBY
By F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Reading Schedule -

The following is a calendar to help guide you in the reading of *The Great Gatsby*. You will be expected to follow the calendar and read the specific chapters.

Reading Schedule: Complete the study questions when you read the chapters.

March 30-April 3 **chapters 1-2**

April 6-9 **chapters 3-4**

April 20-24 **chapters 5-6**

April 27-May 1 **chapters 7-9**

It is your responsibility to stay on schedule!

Assignments:

- 1. Study Guide – Complete the study guide questions as you read the chapters. Write answers in complete sentences.**
- 2. Final Unit Test -** An exam covering the entire novel will be given on May 8, 2020 (Open notes and book).
- 3. Final Research Paper: Due on Friday, May 15, 2020. Topic: The Roaring 20s and the Great Gatsby** **Rubric will be posted.**

Great Gatsby Study Guide

Chapter 1

- 1) When and where does this book take place?
- 2) Who is Nick Carraway?
- 3) What does Nick say about Gatsby at the beginning of this chapter?
- 4) What do we learn about Tom Buchanan?
- 5) Who is Daisy Buchanan?
- 6) Who is Jordan Baker?

7) What do we know about Jay Gatsby so far?

Chapter 2

1) What is the Valley of Ashes?

2) Who is Dr. T.J. Eckleberg?

3) Who are George and Myrtle Wilson?

4) How is Myrtle described? How is she different than Daisy?

5) How is Myrtle able to carry on her affair with Tom?

6) How did Myrtle and Tom meet?

- 7) Describe some of the things that happen during this day.

- 8) What information does Catherine tell Nick about Tom and Daisy?

- 9) What does Myrtle say about her marriage to Wilson?

- 10) What happened to Myrtle at the end of the chapter and why?

- 11) What does this tell us about Tom?

Chapter 3

- 1) What details are given about Gatsby's parties? Use direct quotes to help you describe.

- 2) Nick says that he was actually one of the few people at the party who was actually invited to the party. What did he say about the people who weren't invited?

- 3) When Nick goes to Gatsby's party and finds Jordan, they talk with a few girls who discuss rumor about Gatsby. What are some of the rumors surrounding Gatsby?

- 4) Describe Nick's first conversation with Gatsby.

- 5) Why is Nick so confused after meeting Gatsby for the first time? What surprises Nick about Gatsby?

- 6) What are Nick's impressions of Gatsby's physical appearance?

- 7) What happens to the character "Owl Eyes" after he leaves Gatsby's party?

- 8) How does Nick and Jordan's relationship develop by the end of this chapter?

9) What character trait does he associate with Jordan that is opposite of himself?

Chapter 4

1) What is the newest “rumor” that we hear about Gatsby at the very beginning of chapter 4?

2) What does Gatsby reveal to Nick during the car ride into the city?

3) What does Gatsby do that causes Nick to think that he is lying about his past?

4) What items does Gatsby show to Nick to prove that he fought in WWI and that he went to Oxford?

5) What happens when Gatsby is caught speeding?

6) What do we learn about Meyer Wolfsheim in this chapter?

7) What did Nick say about Gatsby's attitude when they ran into Tom Buchanan at lunch?

8) What did Jordan reveal to Nick?

9) What does Jordan say that Gatsby wants Nick to do?

10) Why didn't Gatsby just ask Jordan for the favor?

Chapter 5

1. Why has Gatsby been throwing his extravagant parties?

2. How does Gatsby act towards Nick when he runs into him that evening after Nick had spent the day with Jordan? Why does he act like this?

3. What does Gatsby offer Nick in exchange for setting up this meeting? How does Nick react?

4. What did Gatsby do to prepare Nick's house for his meeting with Daisy?

5. Why does Gatsby say that he is going to go home before Daisy arrives at Nick's house?

6. What does Daisy ask Nick when she gets to his house after Nick tells her not to bring Tom with her to his house?

7. Describe what happens during Gatsby's meeting with Daisy.

8. What is significant about Gatsby almost breaking Nick's clock? What do you think this symbolizes?

9. How long has it been since Daisy and Gatsby have seen each other?

10. How are Gatsby and Daisy behaving when Nick returns after leaving them alone for a while?

11. Why did Gatsby want Daisy and Nick to go to his house?

12. While Daisy is upstairs washing her face, Nick catches Gatsby fabricating his past once again. What is said between the two characters about Gatsby's past and present?

13. How does Daisy react to Gatsby's display of wealth?

14. At night, how could Gatsby see where Daisy lived across the bay?

15. What does Gatsby say about Dan Cody?

16. Who is Mr. Klipspringer?

17. Why does Nick wonder whether Gatsby is disappointed with Daisy?

Chapter 6

1) Why was a reporter at Gatsby's house one day?

2) When does Gatsby change his name to James Gatz?

3) What else do we learn about James Gatz?

4) What do we learn about Dan Cody? How did he make his money?

5) How did Cody affect Gatsby's life?

- 6) What is mysterious about Dan Cody's death?

- 7) We learn why Gatsby doesn't drink at his parties. Why?

- 8) How do the Sloanes act towards Gatsby?

- 9) What does Tom think of Gatsby?

- 10) How did Daisy feel about West Egg after attending one of Gatsby's parties?

- 11) What does Nick realize about what Gatsby wants from Daisy?

Chapter 7

- 1) Why did the "lights go out" at Gatsby's house? Why were there no more parties?

- 2) Why did Gatsby fire all his servants and hire a few new ones to replace them?

- 3) At the luncheon party at the Buchanan's, what did Daisy do when Tom left the room to make drinks?

- 4) What was Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's child Pammy?

- 5) At what point did Tom realize that Daisy loved Gatsby?

- 6) How did Gatsby describe Daisy's voice?

- 7) What are the driving arrangements as everyone goes to the city?

- 8) Why does George Wilson need money?

- 9) What do Tom Buchanan and George Wilson have in common at this point?

10)Who was watching from the upstairs window when Tom stopped for gasoline on the way to New York City after the luncheon? Why is this person upset?

11)Where in New York did the group go?

12)Why, in your opinion, does Fitzgerald stress the heat so often in this chapter?

13)Describe how Tom starts to confront Gatsby. What is his tactic? What does he say?

14)According to Gatsby, why did Daisy marry Tom?

15)How does Daisy react when Tom says that Daisy loved him when she married him and loves him now?

16)How does Tom react when Gatsby says that Daisy is going to leave Tom for him?

17)When Tom tells Daisy to leave, who does he tell her to ride with and why?

18) Nick realizes that it is his 30th birthday. Why does Nick seem depressed about this?

19) Wilson has a conversation with Michaelis, who ran the coffee shop. What do they talk about?

20) What happened to Myrtle?

21) How do Nick and Tom realize that it was Gatsby's car that killed Myrtle?

22) How did Gatsby and Daisy get away from the scene of the crime?

23) Why does Gatsby allow Daisy to drive his car?

24) How does Gatsby explain the accident to Nick?

25) Why is Gatsby hiding outside of the Buchanan house the night of the accident?

26) Nick peaks into the Buchanan house after speaking with Gatsby. What does he see? What does this say about the relationship between Daisy and Tom?

Chapter 8

- 1) Why did Nick suggest that Gatsby go away? What was Gatsby's response?

- 2) Gatsby finally tells Nick about his past. What does he say about the time when he met Daisy?

- 3) What does Nick mean when he says that Gatsby had taken Daisy “under false pretenses?”

- 4) Why didn't Daisy wait to marry Gatsby when he returned from the war?

- 5) Why did Gatsby go to Louisville when he came back to U.S.?

- 6) Why didn't Gatsby want the gardener to drain the pool? How is this symbolic of Gatsby's feelings for Daisy?

- 7) What did Nick mean when he said "They're a rotten crowd-you're worth the whole damn bunch put together" on page 162?

- 8) What does Wilson discover that leads to believe that his wife is having an affair? What does he now believe?

- 9) Who said, "You may fool me, but you can't fool God"? What does this mean?

- 10) What are the similarities between Gatsby and Wilson?

Chapter 9

- 1) At the inquest, what testimony do Michaelis and Catherine give regarding Wilson and Myrtle?

- 2) After the testimonies were finished, why was it concluded that Wilson killed Gatsby?

- 3) After Gatsby's death, why did Nick feel 'responsible' for getting someone for Gatsby?

- 4) What did Nick learn when he called up Daisy to tell her about Gatsby's death?

- 5) Why didn't Wolfsheim come to see Gatsby when Nick sent for him?

- 6) Who is Slagle? Why did he hang up the phone when Nick said "Look here--this isn't Mr. Gatsby. Mr. Gatsby's dead?"

- 7) Who is Henry C. Gatz? How did Nick describe him?

- 8) Why did Nick hang up the phone on Klipspringer?

- 9) Why does Wolfsheim not want to come to Gatsby's funeral?

- 10) When was the last time Henry Gatz saw his son? How does Gatz show his pride in his son?

- 11) In addition to Nick and Henry Gatsby, who came to Gatsby's funeral?

12)What does Nick mean when he says "I see now that this has been a story of the West . . . "?

13)What does Nick find out when he visits Jordan and how does he feel about Jordan now?

14)Describe the interaction between Tom and Nick when they see each other the next month.

15)How does Nick feel about Tom and Daisy now?

16)How do the last few paragraphs of the book show the hopelessness of achieving the American Dream? How is F. Scott Fitzgerald using the character of Gatsby to represent this?