

## THE GREAT GATSBY Review Questions

**Setting:** The story takes place during the 1920's, there are four major settings. Where are they located, and why, symbolically are they significant?:

1. East egg
2. West Egg
3. The valley of ashes
4. New York City.

### **Main Characters:**

- Nick Carraway -
- Jay Gatsby -
- Daisy Buchanan -
- Tom Buchanan-
- Jordan Baker –
- Myrtle Wilson –

### **Chapter I**

1. Why did Nick Carraway come to the East?

2. Why do Daisy and Tom Buchanan invite Nick to dinner?

3. How does Daisy respond to the phone calls from Tom's "woman in New York"?

4. Why doesn't Nick call to Gatsby when Nick first spots him on the lawn?

#### **Chapter II**

5. Why does "white ashen dust" veil Mr. Wilson's "dark suit and his pale hair"?

6. Why, according to Catherine, has Tom not left Daisy to marry Myrtle Wilson?

7. Why does Nick, observing the events in the apartment, identify with "the casual watcher in the darkening street"?

8. What does Tom's breaking of Myrtle's nose indicate about his respect for her and for Daisy?

#### **Chapter III**

9. Why does Gatsby throw huge, expensive parties for people he does not know?

10. What does the reaction of the drivers of the wrecked automobile suggest about the values of Gatsby's guests?

11. What do Jordan Baker's leaving "a borrowed car out in the rain with the top down" and her golf tournament "scandal" reveal about her?

12. What does Nick see as his "cardinal virtue"?

#### **Chapter IV**

13. When Nick asks Gatsby what part of the Middle West he is from, Gatsby replies, "San Francisco." What does Nick surmise from Gatsby's answer?

14. Why does Gatsby show Nick the medal from "Little Montenegro down on the Adriatic Sea"?

15. What is the importance of Gatsby's implied business connection with Meyer Wolfsheim?

16. As revealed by Jordan, what was Gatsby's original relationship with Daisy?

**Chapter V**

17. Why does Nick agree to arrange a meeting between Daisy and Gatsby?

18. Why does Gatsby act "like a little boy" when Daisy first arrives at Nick's?

19. After his private conversation with Daisy at Nick's house, how has Gatsby changed?

20. While taking Nick and Daisy through his house, what does Gatsby do that causes Daisy to "cry stormily"?

**Chapter VI**

21. Why does James Gatz of North Dakota row out to Dan Cody's yacht?

22. What happened to Gatsby's \$25,000 Inheritance from Dan Cody?

23. Why do Tom and the Sloanes snub Gatsby after asking him to dinner?

24. After the party, when Gatsby tells Nick, "It's hard to make [Daisy] understand," what does he really want her to do?

**Chapter VII**

25. Why does Gatsby look at the Buchanans' child Pammy "with surprise," having never "really believed in its existence before"?

26. How does Daisy reveal to Tom that she is in love with Gatsby?

27. Why does Wilson lock up his wife in anticipation of taking her West?

28. Why does Tom's recollection of "that day I carried you down from the Punch Bowl to keep your shoes dry" remove "the rancor" from Daisy's voice?

29. Why does Tom press Gatsby about his dealings with Wolfsheim?

30. After running Myrtle down, why doesn't Daisy stop the car?

### **Chapter VIII**

31. Why had Gatsby first fallen in love with Daisy?

32. Why had Daisy married Tom Buchanan?

33. Why, after first admitting to himself that Daisy "might have loved [Tom] just for a minute, when they were first married," does Gatsby say, "in any case, it was just personal"?

### **Chapter IX**

34. Why does no one come to Gatsby's funeral except his father, Owl Eyes, and Nick?

35. What are Tom's motives in telling Wilson that Gatsby owned the death car?

36. Why, in the end, does Nick say that he cannot forgive or like Tom?

37. Why, after Gatsby's death, does Nick decide to "come back home" to the Middle West?