

# Study Guide: The Great Gatsby

## by F. Scott Fitzgerald

### Vocabulary Chapters 1-2

1. epigram
2. supercilious
3. extemporizing
4. rotogravure
5. peremptory
6. oculist
7. contiguous
8. hauteu

### Chapter 1

#### *Study Questions*

1. How does the narrator describe Gatsby?
2. From where did the narrator come and why?
3. Describe the narrator's house.
4. Describe the Buchanans' house.
5. How does Nick know Daisy and Tom?
6. Describe Tom. What is our impression of him in Chapter 1?
7. What kind of person is Daisy?
8. What did Miss Baker tell Nick about Tom?
9. When asked about her daughter, what does Daisy say?
10. How is Gatsby introduced into the novel?

### Chapter 2

#### *Study Questions*

1. What is the "valley of ashes"?
2. What are the "eyes of Dr. T. J. Eckleburg"?
3. Who did Tom take Nick to meet?
4. Identify Myrtle and George Wilson.
5. What did Mrs. Wilson buy while she was out with Tom and Nick?
6. Where did they go? What was at 158th Street?
7. Identify Catherine and Mr. & Mrs. McKee.
8. What does Mr. McKee tell Nick about Gatsby?
9. What reason did Myrtle give for marrying George Wilson?
10. What did Tom do to Myrtle when she mentioned Daisy's name?

### Chapter 3 Vocabulary

1. omnibus
2. erroneous
3. innuendo
4. convivial
5. obstetrical
6. rivulets
7. caterwauling

8. affectations
9. subterfuges

### Chapter 3

#### *Study Questions*

1. Describe Gatsby's wealth. List some of the things that represent wealth.
2. What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties?
3. Why did Nick Carraway go to the party?
4. How does Nick meet Gatsby?
5. What are some of the stories about Gatsby?
6. Is Gatsby a "phony"?
7. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.

### Chapter 4-5 Vocabulary

1. labyrinth
2. raja
3. somnambulatory
4. denizen
5. receptacles
6. corrugated
7. nebulous

### Chapter 4

#### *Study Questions*

1. Who is Klipspringer?
2. What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself?
3. What "matter" did Gatsby have Jordan Baker discuss with Nick?
4. Who is Mr. Wolfshiem?
5. What does Mr. Wolfshiem tell Nick about Gatsby?
6. What does Jordan tell Nick about Daisy, Gatsby and Tom?

### Chapter 5

#### *Study Questions*

1. Describe the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy. Why was he so nervous?
2. How long did it take Gatsby to make the money to buy the mansion?
3. Why did Gatsby want Daisy to see the house and his clothes?
4. What had the green light on the dock meant to Gatsby?
5. What had Gatsby turned Daisy into in his own mind?

## Chapters 6-7 Vocabulary

1. meretricious
2. euphemisms
3. caravansary
4. contingency
5. inexplicable
6. libertine
7. expostulation
8. traversed
9. scrutiny

## Chapter 6

### *Study Questions*

1. What is Gatsby's real history? Where is he from, and what is his name?
2. What did Dan Cody do for Gatsby?
3. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party? How does this affect him?
4. What does Gatsby want from Daisy?

## Chapter 7

### *Study Questions*

1. What was Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's child?
2. What did Wilson do to Myrtle? Why?
3. Why do the five drive into the city on such a hot afternoon?
4. What does Gatsby think about Daisy's relationship with Tom?
5. What is Daisy's reaction to both men?
6. What happens on the way home from New York?
7. How do these people react to Myrtle's death:
  - a. Wilson:
  - b. Tom:
  - c. Nick:

d. Gatsby:

8. What is the true relationship between Daisy and Tom?

## Chapters 8-9 Vocabulary

1. redolent
2. corroborate
3. pneumatic
4. amorphous
5. addenda
6. unpunctual
7. provincial
8. incoherent
9. pandered
10. commensurate

## Chapter 8

### *Study Questions*

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick about his past? Is it true?
2. What does Michaelis believe caused Myrtle to run?
3. Why did she run?
4. Why does Wilson believe that Gatsby killed Myrtle?
5. What does Wilson do?

## Chapter 9

### *Study Questions*

1. Why couldn't Nick get anyone to come to Gatsby's funeral?
2. Who is Henry C. Gatz?
3. What is the book Henry Gatz shows Nick? Why is it important to the novel?
4. What happens between Nick and Jordan Baker?
5. What does Nick say about people like Daisy and Tom?