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***The Great Gatsby***

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Chapter Three Worksheet

1. Note Fitzgerald's writing style as revealed in the chapter's third paragraph. Explain why you think Fitzgerald switches tenses in the fourth paragraph.
2. Identify several ways that Gatsby's parties differ from most parties.
3. Rumors abound concerning Gatsby's past. List three of them.
4. How does Gatsby differ from his guests? What does the reader begin to suspect about his personality?
5. The chapter closes with an incident involving an automobile. What might this section foreshadow?
6. Re-read the meeting between Nick and Gatsby. What qualities does this reveal about Gatsby, and what do Nick's remarks indicate about his impression of Gatsby?

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Chapter Four Worksheet

1. What is the purpose of the detailed guest list which opens the chapter?
2. When Nick and Gatsby travel in Gatsby's fabulous car, Gatsby's conversation sometimes suggests he is a fraud and sometimes indicates that everything he says is true.

Nick sees Gatsby as a fraud because:

Nick sees Gatsby as genuine because:

3. Why does Gatsby's relationship with Meyer Wolfsheim make the reader suspicious of Gatsby?
4. In Louisville, some years previously, Gatsby, Daisy, and Tom crossed paths. Identify important facts the reader learns about each person:

Gatsby

Daisy

Tom

5. Gatsby enlists Jordan in a plan to regain Daisy's love. What is the scheme?
6. Nick makes an important realization about Gatsby: "He came alive to me, delivered suddenly from the womb of his purposeless splendor." Explain what Nick has just come to realize.

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Chapter 5 Reading Guide

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1. Where it says, "The flowers were unnecessary", notice the color of the clothes Gatsby wears, and explain why Gatsby chose those colors.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does Gatsby offer Nick in this chapter, and what is Nick's reaction?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Where it says, "Possibly it had occurred to him", Gatsby realizes the green light on Daisy's dock has diminished in importance. Why should Gatsby worry about this change?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What does Gatsby show Nick and Daisy, and what is Daisy's reaction?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Where it says, "I'm all out of practice", Klipspringer plays a special song on the piano. Explain its appropriateness.

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**Ch. 6 reading guide**

1. Fill in Gatsby's background:

Real Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name the man who took Gatsby in and taught him how to be a gentleman? How much money did this man give Gatsby and what happened to the money?
3. Identify the meaning of the name Gatsby. Why is it significant that James Gatz invents his new name as a teenager?
4. Why doesn't Gatsby drink alcohol?
5. "...the rock of the world was founded securely on a fairy's wing." An old English word for *fairy* is *fay*. What's the connection? (Hint: Fay is a character's last name)
6. Find the irony in Tom's statement: "By God, I may be old-fashioned in my ideas, but women run around too much these days to suit me."
7. At Gatsby's party, why does Daisy offer Tom her gold pencil?
8. What does Gatsby say about the past? What do Nick and the reader know that Gatsby cannot acknowledge?
9. On the last page of this chapter, what does Nick almost remember, but then lose forever?

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Directions: After completely reading chapter 7, choose one passage or quote of any length and create questions which require a respondent to analyze the passage or quote on a thematic level. Questions should not be plot based.

A. In the space below, write out the complete quote or passage you have chosen from chapter 7 with the correct MLA format documentation.

B. Now, create questions which require a respondent to analyze the passage or quote on a thematic or analytical level. These should not be mere plot questions.

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2.

C. Identify which theme you believe your passage targets and answer why. You may respond in first person. Respond using complete sentences.

Additionally, identify the two most important turning points of the novel.

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**Chapter 9 Worksheet**

1. Identify Henry Gatz. Why was James ashamed of him? What did Jay Gatsby do for him?

2. Tie up the story's loose ends – what happens to these characters:

Jordan →

Daisy →

Tom →

Klipspringer →

Nick →

Wolfsheim →

3. Who is Hopalong Cassidy? Note the sentence sixteen year old James Gatz writes inside the back cover of the book. What famous American does James unwittingly imitate?

4. How many people attend Gatsby's funeral? Identify Gatsby's epitaph: perhaps the owl-eyed man says it or perhaps a neighbor boy writes it on the steps leading to Gatsby's house....

5. Begin reading with "Most of the big shore places..."

- As the daylight fades, what does Nick see?
- Note the reference to a woman and a color. Connect this image to a similar scene at the end of chapter one.
- Note the phrase "pandered in whispers." Who/what is pandering?
- Note "commensurate to his capacity to wonder" at the end of the paragraph. How does this phrase define Gatsby?