

The Great Gatsby
Chapter Two Worksheet

1. What are the major contrasts between the characters in chapter one and those in the second chapter?

2. Chapter two opens with a view of Dr. Eckleberg's sign. Remembering where it stands and its most prominent feature, what does it probably symbolize?

3. Identify how Fitzgerald portrays George Wilson as a nonentity (insignificant)?

4. Myrtle Wilson is a vulgar but vibrant person. Indicate how Fitzgerald reveals her low status, and speculate on what gives her the vitality Tom Buchanan seems to find attractive.

5. In this chapter, the characters all desire something. Identify what each wants: Tom, George, Myrtle, and the McKees. Why is Nick included in this chapter?

6. Although Nick claims to be an honest, upright person, in this chapter he reveals a major fault. Identify that flaw.

7. Why does Tom break Myrtle's nose?