STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - The Great Gatsby

Chapter 1
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
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
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**
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**
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?

**Chapter 6**
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**
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?
8. What is the true relationship between Daisy and Tom?

Chapter 8
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
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?

JOURNALS - AT LEAST 1 PAGE EACH

1. From what point of view is The Great Gatsby written, and what effect does that have on the story?
2. Is the story of The Great Gatsby believable? Explain why or why not.
3. Where is the climax of the story? Explain your choice.
4. Are the characters in The Great Gatsby stereotypes? If so, explain the usefulness of employing stereotypes in the novel. If they are not, explain how they merit individuality.
5. What is the setting of the story? Could this story have been set in a different time and place and still have the same effect?
6. Describe Gatsby's relationship with Daisy. Why do Daisy and Tom stay together?
7. Are Gatsby's actions believably motivated? Explain why or why not.
9. What is Nick's role in Gatsby? What does he add to the story, and how would the story have been different without him?
10. Who was responsible for Gatsby's death? Explain your choice.
11. Why did Fitzgerald "kill off" Gatsby? What did this plot choice add to the story?
12. What was the importance of Myrtle's death? How would the story have changed if Myrtle had not been killed?
13. How was Nick different from Daisy, Tom and Jordan?
14. How was Gatsby different from Daisy, Tom and Jordan? Explain your answer.
15. Did you enjoy reading The Great Gatsby? Why or why not?
16. Would you have liked to have been a part of Gatsby's social circle? Explain why or why not. What would you do if you had as much money as Gatsby?
17. What does it mean to be rich? Do responsibilities come with money? Did Gatsby's money bring him happiness?
18. Suppose this novel had been written from Gatsby's point of view. How would the story have changed?
19. That Gatsby became wealthy and educated wasn't an accident. He had to work for it. He set goals for himself, learned things, and worked towards his goals. Outline the things you hope to do with your life and the ways in which you can work towards fulfilling those ideals. What do you want from your future? Which things are most important to you? What can you do to help yourself achieve that goal?

MATCHING

1. JORDAN  A. Miss Baker; Daisy's friend
2. GATSBY  B. Gatsby's real name
3. MONEY  C. You resemble the ______ of the man
4. TOWN  D. The boarder
5. GREEN  E. Wilson locked Myrtle in her _______
6. GEORGE  F. Business associate of Gatsby
7. TOM  G. Light on the dock
8. WOLFSHIEM  H. Gatsby throws grand ones for entertainment
9. BOATS  I. Myrtle's husband
10. ADVERTISEMENT  J. Everything's so confused, let's all go to _______
11. EGG  K. Tom broke Myrtle's
12. CARELESS  L. Daisy's husband
13. PARTIES  M. East or West _______
14. FITZGERALD  N. Daisy and Tom are ______ people
15. JAMES
16. CARRAWAY
17. OXFORD
18. KLIPSpringer
19. NOSE
20. ROOM

O. Nick's last name
P. Tries to impress and rekindle a relationship with Daisy
Q. So we beat on, ______ against the current ...
R. Author
S. Gatsby told Nick he was educated there
T. Her voice is full of ______