

## **The Great Gatsby**

### **Symbolism**

*Write what each symbol represents or stands for in the novel.*

**1) the billboard advertisement of the eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg (Ch. 2)**

**2) the Valley of Ashes (Ch. 2)**

**3) the “real” books in Gatsby’s library (Ch. 3)**

**4) the green light (Ch. 4)**

**5) the character George Wilson (Ch. 2)**

**6) the character Nick Carraway-**

**7) the character Jay Gatsby-**

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### Significant Quotations

*For each quote, identify the speaker and who is being spoken to. In one to two sentences, explain the importance and meaning behind each quote.*

- 1) "No—Gatsby turned out all right at the end; it is what preyed on Gatsby, what foul dust floated in the wake of his dreams that temporarily closed out my interest in the abortive sorrows and short-winded elations of men." (Ch. 1)
- 2) "I married him because I thought he was a gentleman," she said finally. "I thought he knew something about breeding but he wasn't fit to lick my shoe." (Ch. 2)
- 3) "Everyone suspects himself of at least one of the cardinal virtues, and this is mine: I am one of the few honest people that I have ever known." (Ch. 3)
- 4) "Possibly it had occurred to him that the colossal significance of that light had now vanished forever. Compared to the great distance that had separated him from Daisy it had seemed very near to her, almost touching her. It had seemed as close as a star to the moon. Now it was again a green light on a dock. His count of enchanted objects had diminished by one." (Ch. 5)
- 5) "There must have been moments even that afternoon when Daisy tumbled short of his dreams—not through her own fault but because of the colossal vitality of his illusion. It had gone beyond her, beyond everything." (Ch. 5)
- 6) "I wouldn't ask too much of her," I ventured. "You can't repeat the past."  
"Can't repeat the past?" he cried incredulously. "Why of course you can!" (Ch. 6)

7) "He talked a lot about the past and I gathered that he wanted to recover something, some idea of himself perhaps, that had gone into loving Daisy. His life had been confused and disordered since then, but if he could once return to a certain starting place and go over it all slowly, he could find out what that thing was. (Ch. 6)

8) "There're a rotten crowd," I shouted, across the lawn. "You're worth the whole damn bunch put together." (Ch. 8)

9) "I spoke to her," he muttered, after a long silence. "I told her she might fool me but she couldn't fool God. I took her to the window....and I said 'God knows what you've been doing, everything you've been doing. You may fool me but you can't fool God!'" (Ch. 8)

10) "They were careless people, Tom and Daisy—they smashed up things and creatures and then retreated back into their money or their vast carelessness or whatever it was that kept them together, and let other people clean up the mess they had made..." (Ch. 9)

11) "Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us. It eluded us then, but that's no matter—tomorrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther...And one fine morning— So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." (Ch. 9)

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Copy into journal each day of reading.

Ch. 1

- 1) Nick has moved to the East to work in
- a) fashion
  - b) bonds
  - c) medicine
  - d) law

- 2) Nick says he is too poor to
- a) live in East Egg
  - b) purchase a new car
  - c) get married
  - d) dress fashionably

- 3) America's greed will culminate in
- a) WW2
  - b) the Industrial Revolution
  - c) the Prohibition era
  - d) the Stock Market Crash of 1929
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Ch. 2

- 4) Dr. Eckleburg represents
- a) the greed of America
  - b) the ash heaps
  - c) judgement or God
  - d) materialism

- 5) Catherine believes that Gatsby is a cousin of
- a) Woodrow Wilson
  - b) Kaiser Wilhelm
  - c) Franz Ferdinand
  - d) Meyer Wolfsheim

- 6) Tom claims he cannot divorce Daisy because she is
- a) pregnant
  - b) ill
  - c) Catholic
  - d) very wealthy
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Ch. 3

- 7) Why is Owl Eyes surprised in the library?
- a) he has met Gatsby
  - b) he met a famous actress at the party
  - c) he uncovered a secret about Gatsby
  - d) he finds out the books are real

Ch. 4

8) What does Gatsby tell Nick is the source of his fortune?

- a) the lucrative bond market
- b) the passing of wealthy parents
- c) a chain of department stores
- d) bootlegging

9) Meyer Wolfsheim wears a coat with buttons made from

- a) whale bone
- b) tiger fangs
- c) human molars
- d) ivory tusks

10) Gatsby's dream is embodied in the image of

- a) the eyes of TJ Eckleburg
- b) the green light on Daisy's dock
- c) the buttons made from human molars on Wolfsheim's coat
- d) the "real" books in his library

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Ch. 5

11) Gatsby, grateful to Nick for throwing the tea party, offers him a chance to

- a) make some extra money
- b) go hydroplaning
- c) purchase a new car
- d) join him for a round of golf

12) Nick opens the door for Gatsby and describes him as

- a) a ray of sunshine
- b) wrought with guilt
- c) overwhelmed with joy
- d) pale as death

13) Our very first image of Gatsby, through Nick's eyes, is that of a man

- a) surrounded by the trappings of wealth
- b) climbing a billboard in the valley of ashes
- c) reaching toward the green light
- d) lost in a world of corruption and greed

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Ch. 6

14) Gatsby's real name is

- a) David Buchanan
- b) James Gatz
- c) Harold Wolfsheim
- d) Dan Cody

15) Nick tells Gatsby, "You can't repeat the past." Gatsby responds

- a) "The future is just the past, repeated."
- b) "I have no intention of revisiting that which has already passed."
- c) "What will be is just an echo of that which is done."
- d) "Why, of course you can."

- 16) Gatsby's aristocratic claims are betrayed by all but
- a) the gaudiness of his cars
  - b) Nick
  - c) the gaudiness of his clothes
  - d) his West Egg address
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Ch. 7

- 17) Why does Gatsby say he has fired his staff?
- a) they were stealing from him
  - b) he wants to be left alone
  - c) he can no longer afford to pay them
  - d) to cool down the gossiping about Daisy's frequent visits
- 18) Whom does Myrtle believe Jordan is married to?
- a) Gatsby
  - b) Tom
  - c) Nick
  - d) Daisy
- 19) Who functions as the prize that inspires Tom and Gatsby's competition?
- a) Jordan
  - b) Ella
  - c) Myrtle
  - d) Daisy
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Ch. 8

- 20) To what does Nick attribute his restless night of sleep?
- a) longing for Jordan
  - b) persistent groan of a foghorn
  - c) overwhelming sense of guilt
  - d) constant drip of a leaky faucet
- 21) Who is not among the dead working class characters?
- a) Nick
  - b) Wilson
  - c) Gatsby
  - d) Myrtle
- 22) Nick's sudden distaste for Jordan shows how he is
- a) in love with Daisy
  - b) overwrought with grief
  - c) consumed by his work
  - d) disassociating himself with upper class allure
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Ch. 9

- 23) Who reads about Gatsby's death in the newspaper and arrives just in time for the funeral?
- a) Daisy
  - b) Gatsby's sister
  - c) Meyer Wolfsheim
  - d) Gatsby's father

24) In what book did Gatsby inscribe his regimen for self improvement?

- a) Hopalong Cassidy
- b) The Odyssey
- c) Frankenstein
- d) The Scarlet Letter

25) Gatsby looked with optimism and hope to

- a) his return to the Midwest
- b) his love for Daisy
- c) the green light
- d) his friend and confidant, Nick Carraway

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### Character Chart

Character	Identity	Fate
Nick Carraway	narrator- grows disillusioned with wealth and the careless lifestyle in New York - only character in the novel who truly cares for Gatsby	
Jay Gatsby	self-made man who has it all-the American Dream- but has lost something in the process	
Daisy Buchanan	love of Jay Gatsby's life- chooses comfort and money over love	
Tom Buchanan	old money; brute of a man- treats women like objects	
Jordan Baker	beautiful and successful pro golfer who is "incurably dishonest" and a cheat	
Myrtle Wilson	mistress of Tom; seeks to rise above her station in life	
George Wilson	beaten-down man who loves and adores his wife	