

The Great Gatsby - Review Questions (Chapters 1-2)

Chapter One:

1. What does the narrator's dad mean when he says, "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had"?
2. Describe the differences between East and West Egg, and between Nick Carraway (the narrator) and his neighbors. How does Nick fit into this world?
3. How does Nick know Tom and Daisy Buchanan?
4. Describe Tom Buchanan, both in his physical attributes, and his personality.
5. What is your impression of Daisy? How is she described?
6. What kind of discussions do the Buchanans and Jordan Baker have? What does that tell us about them?
7. What does Jordan tell Nick about the Buchanan's marriage?
8. Daisy tells Nick "I'm pretty cynical about everything." Define CYNICAL:
9. At the end of Chapter 1, who do we see for the first time?

Chapter Two:

11. Describe the land between West Egg/East Egg and New York. How might that be symbolic?

12. Describe the "T.J. Eckleburg" billboard. What might it symbolize? (It's ok to guess here)

13. Why does Tom and Nick go to New York, and who do they pick up along the way, and why?

14. Describe Myrtle Wilson.

15. Describe Myrtle's explanation for marrying George.

16. How is Myrtle contrasted with Daisy?

17. What is Tom's reaction when Myrtle mentions Daisy's name? Why does he do that?

18. At this point in the novel, what do we know about Jay Gatsby?