

The Great Gatsby - Review Questions (Chapters 3-4)

Chapter Three

1. Why do people come to Gatsby's parties? Many are not invited so how do they get there? What kind of rules or decorum does Nick tell the reader is the norm at these gatherings?
2. This is a vivid description of the rich during the "Roaring Twenties". List five details of these fantastic parties Gatsby hosts (who is there; what goes on, etc.)
3. Considering this story is set in the 1920's, what is ironic about all the cocktails/drinking at these parties (and throughout the entire novel)?
4. What two other rumors about Gatsby do Nick and Jordan hear from the girls they converse with at the party?
5. Nick and Gatsby talk two times at this party. Both times, what interrupts them?
6. As Nick leaves the party, what incident does he observe involving the drunken man he and Jordan talked to in Gatsby's library?
7. What does Nick realize about Jordan Baker, and why is he not so bothered by that?
8. What does Nick say about himself at the very conclusion of this chapter? Do you believe him?

Chapter Four

9. Where was Gatsby educated (in part)?

10. Summarize Gatsby's war experience:

11. How does Gatsby avoid a speeding ticket in this chapter?

12. What did Myer Wolfshiem do in the year 1919 for which Gatsby says he was never caught?

13. Who does Nick introduce Gatsby to at the end of this lunch scene?

14. Jordan relates to Nick the history of Gatsby and Daisy. Why did Daisy get drunk the day before her wedding to Tom and almost cancel the ceremony?

15. What incident happened to Tom in Santa Barbara with 'another woman'?

16. Jordan tells Nick that Daisy has a 'perfect reputation'. To what does she attribute this? What other character in the novel shares this attribute?

17. What does Gatsby want Nick to arrange and why does Gatsby want this to take place at Nick's house?