

ANSWER KEY

BEFORE READING THE BOOK

1. Student's own answer.
2. Student's own answer.
3. Student's own answer.

WHILE READING THE BOOK

CHAPTER: 1

A.

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. d 6. b

B.

1. *Possible answer:* He comes from a large family and also his family is important and wealthy. We see that he has a humanist father and he educated at Yale University.
2. *Possible answer:* Although he didn't like his experiences in New York and left it for less morally ambiguous environment in Midwest, Nick admires Gatsby despite the fact that he represents everything he scorns about New York. This shows that Nick's thoughts and behaviours are inconsistent.

CHAPTER: 2

A.

1. They met in her husband's garage and they went to New York together.
2. Myrtle suggested inviting her sister in order to accompany Nick.
3. She disregarded Nick, For example, she sat in Tom's lap and called her friends.
4. The reason he said was that Daisy was a Catholic and Catholic people never got divorce.
5. Tom treated him as inferior.
6. Tom broke Myrtle's nose.

B.

1. *Possible answer:* In fact he didn't fall in love with her. She was a mere object of his desire. He was so rude and violent that he broke her nose. He treated Myrtle like a dog he bought for her. Myrtle was just like a pet dog for someone who paid for her, not for someone who cared for her. We understood that Tom is the bad guy of this story.
2. *Possible answer:* She was full of regret about her marriage, because she thought that her husband was a gentleman, but he even couldn't afford to buy a tuxedo for their marriage and Myrtle learned this after marriage. He was not in a high social class. He only had a garage and repaired cars in the valley of ashes. Tom was her choice. He had plenty of money and this was the most important thing for Myrtle.

CHAPTER: 3

A.

1. He may think that it is something wealthy people do. Gatsby lives in the West Egg and West Egg is the place where the newly rich people live. They are rich but they aren't aristocratic families. Gatsby always tries to make an image for himself like the ones in the East and parties are one of the ways of presenting himself as a wealthy man.

2. None knows who he is / they always come to his parties willingly / not the owner but the parties are important. They give importance only to money and have fun.
3. Invited, they only went. / go without meeting Gatsby at all.
4. Very lonely with the empty house.
5. She was dishonest. When they were at a party, she left a borrowed car and she lied about it. Nick remembered the story about her first tournament. She cheated to win her first golf tournament. All these show that she was dishonest.

B.

1. Students' own answers.
2. Students' own answers.
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CHAPTER: 4

A.

1. To educate at Oxford.
2. The medal, which was given to Gatsby during the war.
3. A photograph of half a dozen young men in blazers.
4. The sad things that happened to Gatsby.
5. Daisy and the young officer / Daisy / Jordan
6. To invite Daisy to Nick's house and let Gatsby come over.
7. Gatsby / Daisy / Jordan

B.

1.
 - a. *Possible answer:* In fact, it's very clear that Nick doesn't believe the story Gatsby tells about himself, because when Nick asks him what part of the middle west he is from, he answers "San Fransisco" hastily.
 - b. Students' own answers.
2. Students' own answers.
3. *Possible answer:* Daisy and Gatsby were in love each other a long time ago and they had to separate because of the war. Although Daisy loved Gatsby very much, she married a rich man. It means that she preferred money to love. But Gatsby is still in love with her and he wants to attract her again, may be, through his mansion, which means wealth.

CHAPTER: 5

A.

1. delay
2. discreetly / given / make him stop talking
3. I'm very busy.
4. terribly unhappy
5. crimsoned
6. magnificent

B.

1. *Possible answer:* When Gatsby and Daisy met each other at Nick's for the first time, it was pouring rain, and pouring rain symbolizes awkward and melancholy. When the sun just begins to come out, they begin to fall in love again.

2. *Possible answer:* It symbolizes Gatsby's hopes and dreams for the future. That green light is Gatsby's longing for Daisy and his aims. It represents everything, which is far away from him that he wants to possess.

CHAPTER: 6

A.

1. Mr. Sloane to Tom
2. Tom to Daisy
3. Daisy to Tom
4. Nick to Gatsby
5. Gatsby to Nick

B.

1. Students' own answers.
2. *Possible answer:* First let's remember that those people were from East Egg. It meant they were not only rich but also aristocratic people, who Gatsby had tried to fit into that social class all his life long through his wealth, but this event shows that he failed to do this. These people were aware of that he was rich. Although they joined to his great parties, they accepted him as a novelty, but not an equal one.
3. *Possible answer:* Gatsby always longed for something better during his life. He created an imaginary world in his mind and he had spent much of his life trying to make them come true.

CHAPTER: 7

A. Nick visits **the Buchanans** with **Gatsby** in an afternoon. They see **Daisy's child** for the first time. Daisy says she loves **Gatsby** in front of **Tom** but Tom doesn't react. They decide to go **to the city** to do something. Tom, Jordan and Nick drive off in **Gatsby's** car while Gatsby and Daisy in **Tom's** car.

When Tom stops at **Wilson's garage** to fill up the gas tank he talks to George and he learns that George found out his wife's **secret love affair**. The groups meet in the city and get **a hotel suit** to have a few cold drinks. In the hotel **Gatsby** and **Daisy's** relation comes out obviously and **Tom** begins to get angry. They began to **shout at** each other and during the fight **Gatsby** tells that **Daisy** never loved **Tom**, she loved him. Tom says that he has found out that Gatsby is a **bootlegger**. Gatsby and Daisy leave in **Gatsby's** car.

Meanwhile one of the Wilson's **neighbours** comes to see George and George says that he **locked** his wife up and they are **leaving** tomorrow. Later, Myrtle, the neighbour, hears Myrtle George **fighting** and Myrtle **runs** into the road. She is **hit** and **killed** by a car but the car **doesn't stop**.

When Tom arrives at the Wilson's garage, he sees that Myrtle was **dead** and George thinks that it was **Tom** who killed her, but later it is found out that it was **Gatsby's** car and **Daisy** was driving it.

B. Discuss:

1. *Possible answer:* The author often used sentences like this one to make connections of reality with the natural events. They were all symbols. The hottest and the last day of summer might mean the coming of unpleasant activities and the end of something, because everything had begun at the beginning of the summer and now it's the end of summer, end of everything.
2. *Possible answer:* Her child is the only thing Daisy has on her own in her life. She has a husband who comes and goes as he pleases, she hasn't got a job or means of independence. She doesn't want to accept Tom's involvement in the child, because her child means a connection to the life and she was the only thing she really possesses on her own.

CHAPTER: 8

A.

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| 1. d | 2. g | 3. c | 4. f |
| 5. a | 6. e | 7. h | 8. b |

B.

- Possible answer:* Everything about her is related to the glamour and richness of her life. When he talks about their first meeting, he gives a lot of information about their beautiful and big house with admiration. Daisy is not the only nice girl he has ever met and she is not only a girl he has fallen in love with. In fact Daisy has everything he has longed all his life long.
- Possible answer:* Although Gatsby and George Wilson are very different from each other they have a common point. Both of them lost not only their love but also their lives because of Tom.

CHAPTER: 9

A.	Nick Carraway	Daisy Buchanan	Jay Gatsby	Tom Buchanan	Jordan Baker	Myrtle Wilson	George Wilson
cynical					X		
arrogant				X			
careless		X		X			
beautiful		X			X		
good-hearted			X				
cold-hearted				X			
educated	X						
nasty						X	
self-centered					X		
fickle		X					
bad-tempered						X	
hard-luck							X
jealous						X	
charming		X					
tolerant	X						
disloyal		X		X		X	
boyish					X		
dishonest			X		X		
lifeless							X
loyal			X				
aristocratic		X		X			
hypocritical				X			
plucky			X				
honest	X						
exhausted							X
friendly	X						
sardonic		X		X			
unhappy		X					X
shallow		X					
passionate			X				
wealthy			X	X			
cruel				X			
active			X				
vital						X	
bully				X			

B.

1. *Possible answer:* Daisy and Tom were kind of people who had led a privileged life which make them incapable of accepting responsibility for their actions. They never accepted their judgements. Although it was Daisy who was driving the car, which caused to Myrtle's death, she prefers leaving Gatsby in order to escape punishment. No matter how honest she was when she talked about her deep love of Gatsby, she sacrificed it to run away from responsibility. If we think about Tom's affair with Myrtle, we can say he also did everything in a way he wanted to do, regardless of anyone else except him. He never took care of neither his wife, George nor Myrtle herself. Carelessness was a way of living for them.
2. *Possible answer:* Of course it's not because of his wealth and the other things related to it. Although he seems dishonest, vulgar and deeply flawed time to time, he has an extraordinary talent to make his hopes and dreams come true. This makes him **“great”**.

AFTER READING THE BOOK

A.

1. *The Green Light:* The Green Light is situated at the end of Daisy's dock in the East Egg. It symbolizes Gatsby's hopes and dreams for the future. It is directly associated with Daisy, because everything Daisy has is the everything that Gatsby longs all his life long. To reach and possess all his dreams.
2. *The Valley Of Ashes:* The Valley of Ashes is a long desolate land between West Egg and New York City. It was created by the dumping of industrial ashes. It symbolizes the moral and social decay due to the uninhibited pursuit of wealth. This is a result caused by the rich who indulge themselves regarding nothing except their own pleasure. The Valley of Ashes also stands for the poor, like George Wilson, who lose their vitality as a result of living among the dirty ashes.
3. *East And West Egg:* Social class is one of the most important themes in this story. It means a barrier for everyone. East and West Egg symbolize this social class gap. The aristocrats, who have social standing and wealth live on East, like Tom and Daisy. The people, who don't have any real standing, even if they are wealthy, live on West Egg, like Nick and Gatsby. Gatsby always watches The Green Light from the East Egg, which means him everything he has always wanted. The bridge over the river between these worlds symbolizes the barrier, which makes these people separate from each other, and also their hopes and dreams.
4. *The Eyes Of T.J. Eckleburg:* Most of the characters end events are often described as careless in the story. These people always live only through their own pleasures. They never think the consequence or the judgement. Nobody does the judgement. The Eyes of T.J. Eckleburg are always mentioned whenever it is talked about Wilson's garage where most selfish and amoral actions take place, like Tom's affair with Myrtle and Myrtle's death. None of these crimes is punished, but the eyes are always above the Wilson's garage to remind them of their guilt. The eyes of T.J. Eckleburg symbolize the judgement, which nobody does but can be felt.

B. Students' own answers.