THE GREAT GATSBY STUDY GUIDE - CHAPTERS 4 - 6

Answer all parts of every question as the chapters are assigned. You must use specific details and examples from the text to prove your answers. Also, <u>write down the page number</u> on which you found the information to answer each question.

Chapter 4

27. What is the point of including additional rumors about Gatsby at the beginning of the chapter? What "subtle tribute" does Nick say these people pay Gatsby? (page 61)

28. What is the significance of Nick's list of people who attended Gatsby's parties? (Don't worry about discussing specific people; instead, focus on the *types* of people.)

29. What makes Nick think Gatsby is lying about his early life? What changes Nick's mind?

30. Quote Gatsby's appraisal of Jordan on page 71, and explain its significance.

31. With whom do Nick and Gatsby have lunch? What is the character like? How does this affect the reader's opinion of Gatsby?

32. How does Gatsby react when he meets Tom at the restaurant?

33. What details does Nick learn about Daisy and Gatsby from Jordan?

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Chapter 5

35. What offer does Gatsby make Nick at the beginning of the chapter? How does Nick respond, and why does he respond this way?

36. What is Gatsby wearing? Why does Fitzgerald choose those colors?

37. Describe Gatsby's behavior before and as Daisy arrives at Nick's house.

38. Discuss the significance of the weather (include the rain, sunshine and thunder).

39. Of what might the broken clock be symbolic?

40. When Nick returns, what change has come over Gatsby? Why?

41. How does Gatsby act while he is showing Daisy around his house? Why are her reactions so important to him?

42. Why do you think Daisy cries over Gatsby's "beautiful shirts" on page 92?

43. What does Gatsby point out as they look out the window? How has the meaning of this symbol changed?

44. Infer the reason Fitzgerald has Klipspringer play the song "Ain't we Got Fun."

45. Explain how Daisy might have "tumbled short of his dreams" (page 95).

Chapter 6

46. What motive is there in Fitzgerald's revelation about Gatsby's background at this particular point in the novel?

47. Who is Jay Gatsby really? How did he become Jay Gatsby and why?

48. What is ironic about the life story of Dan Cody? What parallels are suggested?

49. Contrast the attitudes of Gatsby and the visiting trio (which includes Tom).

50. Discuss the irony of Tom's remark that "I wonder where the devil he met Daisy. By God, I may be old-fashioned in my ideas, but women run around too much these days to suit me" (103).

51. Explain the significance of Daisy saying that she is giving out "green cards" on page 104.

52. How do Tom and Daisy react to and feel about Gatsby's party and the people there?

53. Why does Tom say that Gatsby is a bootlegger?

54. What does Gatsby really want from Daisy?

55. When Nick tells Gatsby that "You can't repeat the past," what is Gatsby's response? Quote it completely (page 110). Do you agree with Nick or Gatsby?

56. What is the meaning of the ladder that Gatsby imagines he saw in the blocks of the sidewalk? (page 110)

57. What finality does Gatsby create when he first kisses Daisy?