THE GREAT GATSBY STUDY GUIDE - CHAPTERS 7 - 9

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(s)</u> on which you found the information to answer each question.

Chapter 7

58. Gatsby has made some changes in his lifestyle that so concerned Nick that he wants to check on Gatsby. What changes do you note? Why did he make them?

59. What is the weather? Why does Fitzgerald emphasize it?

60. What kind of a mother is Daisy? How does Gatsby react to the child and why?

61. Explain the significance of Daisy's question about the uncertainty of what they will do with the rest of their lives on page 118.

62. What does Tom suddenly realize about Daisy and Gatsby? How does he discover this?

63. Contrast Nick's and Gatsby's reactions and descriptions to Daisy's voice on page 120.

64. Who sees Tom, Jordan, and Nick when they stop for gas? How do these people react and why?

65. Why is Nick so pleased with Gatsby's honesty about Oxford?

66. What has increased Tom's hatred of Gatsby? How does this fit with Tom's earlier statements about race in Chapter 1 on pages 12-13 and his defense of family life and traditional institutions? Why does Nick find this amusing?

67. What does Gatsby pressure Daisy to say to Tom? How does Daisy appear to feel about this?

68. What does Gatsby really do for a living?

69. Nick has been trying to describe a look on Gatsby's face several times (pages 121, 134). Of what gossip that he heard does he realize the look reminds him? Quote it from page 134. What is mentioned each time this look appears?

70. Why does Tom insist Daisy and Gatsby drive back to Long Island together?

71. Explain the significance of Nick's 30th birthday.

72. What tragedy occurs during the drive back to Long Island? How does this happen?

73. What does Tom make sure George Wilson and the policeman understand? Why?

74. Tom invites Nick inside the house, but why does Nick refuse? Quote it from page 142. Explain who are "them" and why he feels this way.

75. What "truth" does Nick guess? What additional details does Gatsby reveal?

76. What are Tom and Daisy doing at the end of the chapter? What is Gatsby doing and why?

Chapter 8

77. What is the mood created in the first four paragraphs of this chapter? What details create this mood? What changes have taken place in Gatsby's home?

78. What made Daisy so desirable to Gatsby when he first met her?

79. In what way did Gatsby deceive Daisy?

80. Summarize the reasons Daisy did not wait for Gatsby.

81. How are the seasons used in constructing this novel?

82. What is the most likely the reason Nick finds it so difficult to leave Gatsby after breakfast? Quote the last <u>two</u> statements Nick tells Gatsby on page 154. What is the importance of each of these statements?

83. How can the tone of Nick and Jordan's telephone conversation be described? What is the reason for this?

84. How does T. J. Eckleberg affect Wilson?

85. Trace George's movements and actions until the end of the chapter.

Chapter 9

86. Why does Nick take care of Gatsby's funeral?

87. How does Mr. Gatz react when he sees his son's house and possessions?

88. How was Jay Gatz's childhood schedule consistent with the adult Jay Gatsby's behavior?

89. Who does, and who does not, come to the funeral? Why?

90. What is the final outcome of Nick and Jordan's relationship?

91. What does Tom tell Nick about the day Gatsby was killed?

92. Quote the realization Nick comes to about Tom and Daisy on page 179.

93. What is the most likely explanation for Nick's decision to move back to the Midwest once and for all?

94. Explain the significance of the last line of the novel.