

The Great Gatsby—Study Guide—Chapters 7-9

Chapter 7

1. Why does Gatsby fire his servants?
2. How are Daisy and Jordan described as they lay on the couch?
3. What does Nick say about Gatsby's reaction to Daisy's daughter, Pammy?
4. What comment does Daisy make about Gatsby, to Gatsby, in front of Tom? (This comment seems to make Tom aware that "something" is going on between those two.)
5. What does Gatsby say to Nick about Daisy's voice?
6. Who's riding with whom into town? Also mention which car they are riding in.
7. What billboard do they pass on their journey into town?
8. Why does Mr. Wilson need money?
9. What connection does Nick make between Mr. Wilson and Tom?
10. Who is watching the scene at the garage?
11. Describe the exchange between Gatsby and Tom in the hotel suite. (Ultimately, what does Tom ask Gatsby? What does Gatsby confess to Tom?)
12. What does Daisy say about her love for Tom and Gatsby? What is Gatsby's reaction to this?
13. What does Nick realize about this day? How old is he?
14. Who travels with whom back to East Egg/West Egg? (Again, mention who is riding in which car.)
15. What does Nick say that they are driving toward (on page 136)?
16. What happens to Myrtle?
17. What car is the "death car"? Who was driving it?
18. What does Nick observe when he looks through the window at Tom and Daisy?

Chapter 8

1. How does Gatsby's house appear to Nick now?
2. Why doesn't Gatsby leave?
3. When Gatsby first met Daisy five years ago, what was it about her that intrigued him?
4. What compliment does Nick give Gatsby as he leaves his house?
5. What object is Wilson looking at when he says "God sees everything" on the night of Myrtle's death?
6. Whom does Wilson think Myrtle was having an affair with?
7. Describes what happens that afternoon at the pool.

Chapter 9

1. Describe Nick's sense of responsibility to Gatsby in the beginning of this chapter.
2. What has happened to Tom and Daisy?
3. What is Wolfsheim's reply to Nick when Nick asks him to come to West Egg?
4. Who DOES come to West Egg?
5. Why does Klipspringer call? What is his response to Nick's request to come to West Egg?
6. What had Gatsby sent his father a picture of? How does his father act about the picture?
7. What is in Gatsby's childhood book?
8. Who attends the funeral?
9. What conclusion does he draw about his—and everyone else's—ability to adapt to the East?
10. What does Jordan say to him when he ends his relationship with her? (It's something about bad drivers.)
11. Who told Mr. Wilson about Gatsby?

12. After running into Tom in the city, what conclusion does Nick come to about Tom and Daisy?

13. Read the last four paragraphs of the novel closely. What do you make of it? What did that green light mean to Gatsby? What meaning is suggested for all of us?