

# The Great Gatsby

## Essay Questions

Discuss Gatsby's character as Nick perceives him throughout the novel. What makes Gatsby "great"?

What is Nick like as a narrator? Is he a reliable storyteller, or does his version of events seem suspect? How do his qualities as a character affect his narration?

What are some of *The Great Gatsby's* most important symbols? What does the novel have to say about the role of symbols in life?

How does the geography of the novel dictate its themes and characters? What role does setting play in *The Great Gatsby*?

How does Gatsby represent the American dream? What does the novel have to say about the condition of the American dream in the 1920s? In what ways do the themes of dreams, wealth, and time relate to each other in the novel's exploration of the idea of America?

Compare and contrast Gatsby and Tom. How are they alike? How are they different? Given the extremely negative light in which Tom is portrayed throughout the novel, why might Daisy choose to remain with him instead of leaving him for Gatsby?

Your take home test is due on **Monday, March 30, 2015**. It **MUST** be turned in to turnitin.com!!!

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