

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS: CHAPTERS 2-4 in THE GREAT GATSBY

Chapter 2:

1. (a) Who does Tom take Nick to meet? (b) What did Mrs. Wilson buy while she was out with Tom and Nick? (c) Where did they go?

2. (a) Identify Myrtle and George Wilson. (b) Why does Myrtle behave with such hauteur (arrogance) toward her husband and in the city apartment? (c) Why does Nick see himself as both on the outside and inside of the apartment?

3. (a) What reason did Myrtle give for marrying George Wilson? (b) What did Tom do to Myrtle when she mentioned Daisy's name? (c) What two things do you learn about Tom's personality when he breaks Myrtle's nose?

Chapter 3:

1. (a) What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties? (b) What is revealed to the reader by Fitzgerald when Nick says that people aren't actually invited to Gatsby's parties? (c) What is the contrast between Gatsby and his parties?

Chapter 3: Cont'd

2. (a) Why does Nick Carraway go to Gatsby's party? (b) How does Nick meet Gatsby? (c) Does Nick believe, upon first meeting Gatsby, that Gatsby is authentic?

3. (a) Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan Baker. (b) Why is Jordan Baker described as looking contemptuous at the party? (c) What is the significance of Jordan's lies?

Chapter 4

1. (a) What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself? (b) Why does Gatsby call Nick "old sport"?

2.(a) Who is Mr. Wolfsheim? (b) What does Mr. Wolfsheim tell Nick about Gatsby?

3.(a) What matter did Gatsby have Jordan Baker discuss with Nick? (b) Why does Gatsby want Daisy to see his house? (c) What is ironic about Gatsby's assessment/judgment of Jordan Baker's character?