

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS
THE GREAT GATSBY
CHAPTER 8

1.(a) What does Gatsby tell Nick about his past? Is it true?
(b) What was the basis of Daisy's decision to marry Tom? (c) Why does Daisy's wealth always remain in the foreground of Gatsby's feelings and memories of her?(d) Why does Fitzgerald choose this point in the novel to present a detailed discussion of the initial love affair between Gatsby and Daisy?

2(a) In what way does Nick compliment Gatsby? (b) What is Gatsby's response to Nick's compliments? (c) Why is it important that Nick thank Gatsby for his hospitality? (d) How does Nick leave Gatsby?

3.(a) What does Michael believe caused Myrtle to run?
(b) Why did she run? (c) Why does Wilson believe that Gatsby killed Myrtle? (d) What does Wilson do when he finds out?

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Chapter 9

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1. (a) Why couldn't Nick get anyone to come to Gatsby's funeral?
*(b) What is the significance of Nick's taking charge of Gatsby's funeral arrangements? *(c) What is the significance of the owl-eyed man's attendance at the funeral?

2. (a) Who is Henry C. Gatz? *(b) What is ironic about Mr. Gatz's arrival? *(c) What is the irony of Mr. Gatz's admiration of the house?

3. (a) What happens between Nick and Jordan Baker? *(b) What is the significance of Jordan's comment about the "bad driver"?

4. (a) What does Nick say about people like Daisy and Tom? *(b) How are Daisy and Tom's behaviour, in the end, consistent with their characters throughout the novel? *(c) Why does Nick finally shake hands with Tom?