

The Great Gatsby – by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Part 1 (chapters 1-5) questions to be discussed August 6

Chapter 1

1. About what characteristics of Gatsby did the narrator feel scornful?
2. What do we learn about the narrator? Name? Hometown? Source of wealth? Schooling? Military service? Career choice?
3. What are the eggs described in this chapter? Where are they located? How are they the same? How are they different?
4. Who lives on East Egg? What do we know about them?
5. Tom goes into a rage about how civilization is going to pieces. Do you think Daisy and Miss Baker agree with him? Why?
6. When Daisy learned that her baby was a girl, she said, “I hope she’ll be a fool.” Why do you think she said that?
7. What do we learn about Miss Baker?
8. What is one of Nick’s reasons for moving to New York?

Chapter 2

9. What is the Valley of Ashes? Whose eyes watch over it?
10. Who did Nick and Tom get off the train to meet? What was the location of their meeting?
11. How did Tom arrange his meetup with his mistress?
12. Who joined the trio at the apartment?
13. Who, at the apartment, knew Gatsby? What did she say about him?

Chapter 3

14. What does Gatsby do on weekends?

15. At Gatsby's party, who did Nick see that he knew? Nick talked with someone that knew him from the war. Who was that? Why did it surprise him?
16. After the concert, what were most of the women doing?
17. How did Jordan Baker spend the last hour of the party? Any idea what she heard?
18. What happened to the car leaving the party? Why do you think the driver was so confused? Why do you think this episode was included in the novel?
19. What are some examples of Jordan Baker's dishonesty? What is Nick's virtue?

Chapter 4

20. Gatsby tells his life story. Where was he from? Where did he attend school? How did he become rich? What was his military experience?
21. What does Mr. Wolfshein tell Nick about Gatsby? What does Gatsby tell Nick about Mr. Wolfshein?
22. What happened when Nick saw Tom Buchanan in the restaurant?
23. What did Jordan tell Nick about Gatsby?
24. Tell about Tom & Daisy's wedding. Was Tom a faithful husband?
25. What was Gatsby's request, made via Jordan?

Chapter 5

26. Who met Nick when he got home that night? What did he propose?
27. When Nick invited Daisy to tea, how did Gatsby help with preparations?
28. How did Gatsby behave when the time for Daisy's arrival approached?
29. What were Gatsby's and Daisy's responses to seeing each other?
30. What did they do after the tea?
31. What truths do you think the author is trying to convey in this novel?