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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Great Gatsby

Author:

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.

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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 3: Nick attends one of Gatsby's huge parties. What details make the party seem exciting, strange, or mysterious?

Example answer: I think the party seems exciting because there is music, food, dancing, and many people having fun. It also feels strange because a lot of guests do not really know Gatsby, even though they are at his house. Gatsby seems mysterious because people tell rumors about him instead of knowing the truth. This makes me want to learn who Gatsby really is.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 6: We learn more about Gatsby's real past. How does this new information change the way you understand Gatsby and his dream?

Example answer: Learning about Gatsby's past helps me see that he worked very hard to become a different person. He was not born rich, so he made a new name and a new life for himself. I think his dream is not only about money, but also about feeling important and winning Daisy's love. This makes him seem both determined and sad to me.

Chapter 9: After Gatsby dies, Nick thinks about Gatsby's life and the people around him. What message do you think the book gives about dreams, wealth, and friendship?

Example answer: I think the book shows that money can make life look beautiful, but it does not always bring real happiness. Gatsby had a big dream, but many people around him were not true friends. Nick seems to understand that Gatsby cared deeply, even if his dream was impossible. The story made me think that loyal friends and honest choices matter more than being rich.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Nick has just moved to West Egg and visits Daisy and Tom. What do we learn about these characters from the way they talk and act?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: After Gatsby dies, Nick thinks about Gatsby's life and the people around him. What message do you think the book gives about dreams, wealth, and friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Nick goes with Tom to meet Myrtle in New York. How does this chapter show that some characters are not being honest or kind to others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Nick attends one of Gatsby's huge parties. What details make the party seem exciting, strange, or mysterious?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Gatsby keeps hoping Daisy will choose him. What does this show about Gatsby's character, and do you think his hope is wise or not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: The group travels into the city, and many hidden feelings come out. What important truths are revealed in this chapter, and how do they affect the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Gatsby tells Nick stories about his past. Which parts of Gatsby’s story seem believable, and which parts make you wonder if he is telling the whole truth?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Gatsby and Daisy meet again after many years. How do their feelings change during the meeting, and what do you think they are hoping for?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: We learn more about Gatsby’s real past. How does this new information change the way you understand Gatsby and his dream?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
