

Chapter One

Comprehension Check

Directions: To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the novel, answer the following questions. Be sure to use your Note-Taking chart to keep important notes for each chapter and to help you answer the Comprehension Check questions. Answer each question in complete sentences on a separate piece of paper.

1. From what point of view is the story being told? In what tense?
2. Chapter 1 begins with a quote: "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had." What does this quote mean? What conclusions/predictions can you make about the narrator from this quote?
3. List 5-7 important details that we learn about the narrator from this chapter.
4. How does Nick compare East and West Egg? Who is Nick's neighbor? How does Nick describe his neighbor's house?
5. Describe Tom in 3-5 sentences.
6. Describe Daisy in 3-5 sentences.
7. About what has Tom been reading? What does this book's philosophy indicate about Tom's views? What does this say about American society at the time?
8. What do we learn about Tom from the phone call? How does Daisy deal with the interruption?
9. What does Daisy mean when she says "And I hope she'll be a fool—that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool"?
10. What rumor had Daisy heard about Nick?
11. Describe Tom and Daisy's relationship.
12. What strange sight does Nick see at the end of Chapter 1?
- *13. What are the advantages/disadvantages of having Nick narrate the story of *The Great Gatsby*, rather than having Gatsby tell the story himself?