

Chapter Two*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. Describe the valley of ashes. What might the ashes symbolize?
2. Describe the eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg. What might they represent (or symbolize)?
3. Describe Tom's "girl" in 3-4 sentences.
4. What business transaction is going on between Tom and Mr. Wilson?
5. Compare/contrast the personalities and physical characteristics of Myrtle and Daisy. Be sure to list 3-5 similarities and/or differences.
6. Why do you think Tom is attracted to Myrtle?
7. What is the lie Tom told Catherine? Why do you think he lied?
8. Describe Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's relationship. How did Myrtle know she made a "mistake" when she married Wilson?
9. Explain how Tom and Myrtle met.
10. What does Tom do to Myrtle when she repeats Daisy's name? What do you think of Tom's reaction? Why do you think he did it? Was it appropriate? What hints from the first chapter indicated Tom was capable of this behavior?
11. Why is the ending of Chapter 2 so disjointed? What had Nick been doing all evening that might have caused this strange narrative?
- *12. Make a comparison of the homes of Nick, Gatsby, Tom and Daisy Buchanan, and George and Myrtle Wilson. How does each home reflect the personality of its owners?