

Chapter Four

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. What do the girls at the party think Gatsby did to get rich?
2. Why do you think Fitzgerald gives a long list of those guests who attended Gatsby's parties that summer? What "subtle tribute" did these people give Gatsby?
3. Who is the "boarder"? How did he get the name?
4. Describe Gatsby's car in 3-4 sentences.
5. What new information does Gatsby give Nick about himself? List at least 5 important pieces of information.
6. What is Nick's reaction to Gatsby's story? What makes Nick suspect that Gatsby is lying about his past?
7. What two things does Gatsby always carry? What do you think of him carrying these things with him at all times? Why do you think he does this?
8. How does Gatsby get out of a speeding ticket?
9. Describe Mr. Wolfshiem. What kind of man is he? Why do you think he is associated with Gatsby?
10. What did Tom give Daisy the day before their wedding? What happened that evening? Why did Daisy have a breakdown?
11. What happened with Tom in Ventura? Who was he with? What is notable about this incident?
12. Why, according to Jordan, is it not a coincidence that Gatsby lives where he does, at West Egg?
13. What did Gatsby want Jordan to ask Nick? What does Gatsby want Daisy to see?
- *14. Explain your interpretation of the quote, "There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired." In terms of the novel, who are the ones being pursued, the ones doing the pursuing, the ones who are busy, and the ones who are tired? Justify your choices in a few sentences.