

Chapter Five*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. Explain what Gatsby does to prepare for his meeting with Daisy. Why do you think he does all this?
2. What happens to the clock on the mantle? What do you think this awkward moment symbolizes?
3. How long has it been since Daisy and Gatsby have seen each other?
4. How does Gatsby behave upon seeing Daisy again? What is your impression of his behavior? Why is this ironic, considering the title of the novel?
5. What inconsistency does Nick catch about where Gatsby's money came from? From where does Gatsby tell Nick he got his money?
6. Why does Gatsby show Daisy all of his shirts? Is Daisy truly crying because she's "never seen such beautiful shirts before"? Or is she crying about something else? What could that be? Explain her reaction.
7. To what is the author referring in the statement: "Possibly it had occurred to him that the colossal significance of that light had now vanished forever...His count of enchanted objects had diminished by one"? What does the green light symbolize? Explain its significance to the novel.
8. Who is Klipspringer and what does Gatsby have him do? Why?
9. What could the weather in this chapter symbolize? How does the weather change? What could that change symbolize?
- *10. Gatsby finally winning Daisy is as much a triumph as it is a tragedy. What, now, does he have to look forward to? Write down three quotes from Chapter 5 that illustrate this statement.