

Chapter Seven*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. Why did Gatsby fire all of his servants?
2. What does Daisy do while Tom is on the phone in the other room? What does she tell Jordan to do? Why do you think she does this?
3. What kind of relationship does Daisy have with her daughter? Why is Gatsby surprised by the child's "existence"?
4. What does Gatsby say that Daisy's voice is "full of"? Why?
5. Why does Wilson suddenly need money from Tom?
6. How does the weather contribute to the mood of this chapter? What could the weather symbolize?
7. What does Daisy tell Gatsby that catches him off guard? What was he expecting to hear?
8. As they are leaving the hotel, what milestone does Nick remember that he had forgotten in all the excitement? What is the significance of this?
9. Who does Tom believe killed Myrtle? What really happened?
10. Who is "watching" over the incidents in the valley of ashes? Of whom is this symbolic?
- *11. As Gatsby and Nick arrive at the Buchanan's house, the scene is nearly identical to a much earlier scene in the novel. Daisy and Jordan are sitting on the couch in their white dresses and Tom is on the hall telephone talking with "his girl." What does the repetition of this scene suggest?