

**Chapter Eight***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 does Nick suggest that Gatsby go away even though he knows that it was Daisy who killed Myrtle?
2. Why does Gatsby refuse? What is he holding on to? What do you think of his behavior?
3. How did Daisy and Gatsby meet? How did Gatsby deceive Daisy from the beginning?
4. How did Daisy go on living her life while Gatsby fought in the war? What did Daisy do while Gatsby was at Oxford?
5. Where did Gatsby go with the last of his army pay? Why?
6. Why does Nick insist Gatsby is “worth the whole damn bunch put together”? What does he mean by this? Why is he still glad he said it?
7. What does Wilson firmly believe happened to Myrtle? What clue(s) lead him to believe this?
8. What does Wilson imagine about the eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg?
9. Define the word “holocaust.” What does Nick mean when he says, “the holocaust was complete”?
- \*10. What do you think is Fitzgerald’s purpose in relating the story of Gatsby’s return to Louisville while Daisy and Tom are still on their wedding trip?