

## Great Gatsby Class Discussion Topics

**Directions:** To help guide our class discussion, we start class by focusing on specific topics, topics generated by you. You will have about 5 minutes at the start of class to write a clear, thorough response to the selected topics. We will also rely on your analytical notes/journal entries to propel discussion.

How to Respond to the Day's Prompt:

- Scan over the chapter you read last night and select passages that relate to the specific category of the day. All entries must reflect close, careful reading. Use specific examples (quoted from the novel with page number. Write out the section of the example you will explain in its entirety).
- Cite the passage with correct MLA citation format
- Below the passage, explain what the passage shows in connection to the category. So if you select a quote that shows something about "the American Dream" your explanation must discuss what it shows. All entries must show depth of thought and critical analysis. All entries must be a minimum of 5 original sentences.
- As we read through the novel, we will add on to the categories that we discussed earlier.

Ideally, you will annotate your novel (using post-its) so you can easily find the sections of the novel that connect to the five different reflection chapters as well as rhetorical devices that help connect to the categories. It will be much more difficult to go back and try to find the examples if you don't have any notes.

Chapter 1 Sample Topics:

1. Opening Line of the Text
2. Fitzgerald's Introduction of Characters
3. Gatsby's House
4. Tom's House
5. First Actions of Characters
6. Green Light