The Great Gatsby

Reading guide – chapters 1-3

Chapter 1

* Narrator?
* Lessons narrator has learned from family
* Narrator’s family background
* Narrator graduates from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(year)
* Setting – Long Island – which parts are mentioned?
* The business narrator goes into
* Tom - characteristics
* Daisy – characteristics
* Jordan – characteristics
* Racism
* “some woman in New York”
* Green light

Chapter 2

* Valley of ashes
* Dr. T.J. Eckleburg
* George Wilson
* Myrtle Wilson – how does she change?
* Style of furniture
* “Town Tattle”
* Puppy
* “regal homecoming glance”
* “intense vitality” →“impressive hauteur”
* Simon Called Peter
* “Daisy! Daisy! Daisy!”
* How Tom and Myrtle meet

Chapter 3

* Conduct of people at the party
* Torn gown
* Gatsby rumors
* “Did I tell you about the books?”
* Description of meeting Gatsby
* “Old Sport”
* “Who is he?”
* Car accident – what happens?
* Jordan – lie

Chapter 4

* Guests at Gatsby’s party - what type of clientele?
* Motorcycle cop incident
* Oxford – Gatsby’s medal
* Meyer Wolfsheim – personality, business, cuff buttons
* Louisville, 1917
* Daisy’s wedding
* Daisy’s letter
* Gatsby’s house- why does he choose it?
* Gatsby’s request

Chapter 5

* Gatsby offers Nick a job
* Nick’s lawn
* The tea party
* Gatsby’s feelings
* Daisy’s feelings
* Gatsby’s house on the inside
* Gatsby’s shirts
* The song Klipspringer plays on the piano

Chapter 6

* James Gatz
  + His dreams
  + His view of women
* Dan Cody
  + His money
  + His influence on Gatsby
* Going to college?
* Tom’s view of Gatsby
* Tom’s hypocrisy
* “polo player”
* Daisy’s view of the party
* “repeating the past”

Chapter 7

* Trimalchio
* Gatsby’s servants
* Gatsby’s reaction to Daisy’s daughter
* “You look so cool”
* “circus wagon”
* “drugstore”
* How are Tom and George now alike?
* Oxford
* “she never loved you”
* “You never loved him”
* Car ride back to Tom and Daisy’s house
* “It’s only half past nine”

Chapter 8

* Dan Cody
* Why Daisy marries
* “They’re a rotten crowd”
* How George discovers the truth
* Dr. T.J. Eckleburg sees all
* The pool incident

Chapter 9

* The phone call
* Meyer Wolfsheim’s reply
* Mr. Gatz
* The poor son-of-a . . .
* Tom at jewelry shop
* Tom’s suffering
* Gatsby’s dream