

The **GREAT GATSBY** READING QUESTIONS BY CHAPTER

The **GREAT GATSBY** Chapter 1

Name: _____

- 1) The main character believes that his father's influence made him...
 - A. A bad sport / sore loser.
 - B. An understanding listener.
 - C. Pessimistic and depressed.
 - D. Greedy and ambitious.

- 2) Which choice accurately represents Nick's family background?
 - A. A poor family from New York City
 - B. A wealthy family from the mid-west
 - C. A middle-class family from California
 - D. Trick question! We learn nothing about his family background.

- 3) Why does Nick move to the New York City area?
 - A. To play baseball professionally.
 - B. To find his high school sweetheart.
 - C. To attend college and become a writer.
 - D. To work in finance (investments).

- 4) Viewed from above, the Long Island area where Nick lives is shaped like a/an...
 - A. Anchor.
 - B. Snake.
 - C. Egg.
 - D. Cross.

- 5) Which choice describes Nick's new residence?
 - A. A small, shabby house
 - B. An old, run-down mansion
 - C. A single room in noisy boarding house
 - D. A stylish, top-floor apartment

- 6) Which character is described as physically powerful?
 - A. Tom
 - B. Nick
 - C. Daisy
 - D. Miss Jordan Baker

- 7) How do Nick Carraway and Miss Baker meet for the first time?
- A. On the train
 - B. Dinner party
 - C. Church
 - D. Internet dating
- 8) Tom Buchanan lets everyone know that he supports...
- A. Racism.
 - B. A woman's right to vote.
 - C. A military invasion of Canada.
 - D. Child labor.
- 9) Jordan Baker tells Nick that she uses her art to explore...
- A. God's betrayal of humanity.
 - B. The tyranny of the rich.
 - C. Remembered moments from youth.
 - D. Trick question! She is not an artist.
- 10) What is one of Daisy's troubles?
- A. She is slowly losing her sight.
 - B. Her marriage is falling apart.
 - C. Her daughter is abusing drugs.
 - D. She and Tom are bankrupt (broke).
- 11) Why doesn't Nick talk to Gatsby when he first sees him out on the lawn?
- A. Gatsby runs away and slams the door.
 - B. Gatsby appears to be lost in a private moment.
 - C. Gatsby is unconscious on the ground.
 - D. Trick question! The two have a bizarre and memorable conversation.

- 1) A notable feature of the train ride to New York City is what Nick calls...
 - A. "The Island of Lost Toys."
 - B. "The Valley of the Ashes."
 - C. "The Genie's Bridge."
 - D. "Bucking Bronx Broncos."

- 2) The narrator thoroughly describes an old billboard that shows...
 - A. Children playing with a pony.
 - B. A sailboat in a hurricane.
 - C. Colorful birds and feathers.
 - D. An enormous pair of eyes.

- 3) What reason does Myrtle Wilson give her husband for going to the city?
 - A. She plans to see her sister.
 - B. She has a medical appointment.
 - C. She is going to see a movie.
 - D. She needs to buy fabric.

- 4) Myrtle Wilson asks Tom Buchanan to buy her a...
 - A. Convertible car.
 - B. Fur coat.
 - C. Diamond necklace.
 - D. Puppy.

- 5) The party in Chapter II centers on...
 - A. Dancing and singing.
 - B. An unusual balance contest.
 - C. Drinking and arguing.
 - D. Breaking furniture and artwork.

- 6) The people in Tom and Myrtle's apartment mostly talk about...
 - A. The rise of Adolf Hitler.
 - B. How rich people ought to behave.
 - C. Marrying the wrong person.
 - D. The best ways to get revenge.

7) Nick admits that while at the party he...

- A. Slept with Tom's mistress.
- B. Drank too much and passed out.
- C. Lied about his level of success.
- D. Urinated behind the couch.

8) How does Myrtle's nose get broken?

- A. She falls down the steps.
- B. She drops a table on herself.
- C. Tom purposefully strikes her.
- D. Daisy accidentally hits her with a door.

9) Who is narrating (telling the story) *The Great Gatsby*?

- A. Unknown being (3rd person narrator)
- B. Daisy Buchanan
- C. Gatsby's nephew
- D. Nick Carraway

10) Tom Buchanan and Nick Carraway have known each other since their college days. Describe their relationship.

- 1) Which choice best describes the parties hosted by Gatsby?
 - A. Formal and somber (serious)
 - B. Small and intimate (personal)
 - C. Lavish (expensive) and wild
 - D. Intellectual (brainy) and artistic

- 2) How does Nick manage to sneak into one of Gatsby's parties for the first time?
 - A. He climbs through a window.
 - B. He claims that his friends are inside.
 - C. He pretends to be making a delivery.
 - D. Trick question! He gets invited.

- 3) What is Gatsby's first name?
 - A. Gatsby
 - B. Jay
 - C. Sid
 - D. Trick question! Nobody knows.

- 4) An intoxicated party guest finds it difficult to believe that Gatsby's _____ are real.
 - A. Paintings
 - B. Books
 - C. Eyelashes
 - D. Diamonds

- 5) It turns out that Gatsby remembers Nick Carraway from...
 - A. College
 - B. The train
 - C. The army
 - D. A movie

- 6) Which words best describe Gatsby?
 - A. Young, formal, and mysterious
 - B. Anxious, sad, and restless
 - C. Elderly, irreverent (silly), and clever
 - D. Overpowering, rude, and demanding

- 7) What surprising request does Gatsby make of Jordan Baker at his party?
- A. He asks her to leave.
 - B. He wants to meet with her privately.
 - C. He wants to model for a painting.
 - D. He wants her to set fire to a building.
- 8) What unexpected event prevents the departure of many of the party guests?
- A. A hurricane
 - B. A theft
 - C. A wrestling match
 - D. A car crash
- 9) At the end of Chapter III, Nick interrupts the narrative about Gatsby to explain...
- A. A time when he almost drowned.
 - B. His work life in New York City.
 - C. The death of his first wife.
 - D. A history of the prohibition of alcohol.
- 10) For what is Jordan Baker famous?
- A. Dating a president
 - B. Playing a sport
 - C. Singing and dancing
 - D. Painting and sculpting
- 11) What important difference does Nick recognize between himself and Jordan?
- A. He does not care what people think.
 - B. She is married.
 - C. She is dishonest.
 - D. He grew up poor.