

Chapter 2

1. For what was the “valley of ashes” a metaphor?
2. Explain the “eyes of Doctor TJ Eckleburg.”
3. Whom does Tom want Nick to meet? What is the irony here?
4. Explain the irony in Wilson’s reaction to Tom and Nick’s arrival.
5. Describe Myrtle. What is the irony here?
6. How does Tom dismiss Wilson as unimportant?
7. Given the description of Myrtle what type of person does she seem to be?
8. Compare Tom and Myrtle’s apartment with Tom and Daisy’s home.
9. What were the rumors that were reported about Gatsby?
10. Why do you think Fitzgerald gives this insight to the reader about a character that has not been introduced yet?
11. What does Catherine tell Nick about her sister and his boyfriend?
12. What does Myrtle indicate about her marriage? How does this tie in with Fitzgerald’s theme of the loss of a dream?
13. What mistake does Myrtle make? What is her punishment?