

Chapter one

1. Given the first three pages, explain the structure of the narrative Fitzgerald uses in telling the story.
2. Who is the narrator?
3. Notice how many times Fitzgerald uses the words hope, or dream. Why does he do this?
4. Explain: "Reserving judgments is a matter of infinite hope" (2). What does this passage mean?
5. What is the "bond business"? Given what you know about the era, what is the importance of this occupation?
6. How does Fitzgerald contrast the aerial view of the Eggs of Long Island? Why is this important?
7. According to the narrator what was the difference between the two Eggs?
8. Describe Gatsby's house.
9. Describe Daisy and Tom's home.
10. What are some of the adjectives used to describe Tom Buchanan? (7)
11. What are some of the colors that Fitzgerald uses to describe Daisy in her space?
12. How does Fitzgerald describe Daisy? (8-10)
13. What is Jordan Baker's opinion of West Egg?
14. What does the description about Tom in paragraph one indicate about his personality?
15. Describe Daisy's personality giving examples from the book to support.
16. What was the altercation between Tom and Daisy about?
17. What was the importance of Daisy's reaction to the birth of her daughter?
18. Explain: "'I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool—that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool'" (17). What does it mean?
19. What catches Nick's attention at the end of the chapter?
20. What was his neighbor studying? What is the symbolism here?