

Summer Reading 2024/ Anderson ENG III
***The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

All students taking English III at CMA will be required to read *The Great Gatsby* during the summer and complete the assignment specified below. **This will be due the first full day in August (8/9/24) for all students**, whether you have English in the fall or spring semester. In addition, you will be writing an essay on the book on the first full day of class.

Assignment:

- Read all of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- For each chapter, complete the following in a handwritten journal:
 1. **Summary** - Write a 5-7 sentence summary of the chapter.
 2. **Picture** - Draw a picture that represents something significant in the chapter and write a caption (1-2 sentences) describing why you drew what you did, how it connects to the chapter, and why it is important.
 3. **Theme Analysis with Quote** - Identify 1 significant quote from the chapter that grabbed your attention and that relates to one of the themes listed below. Then, write out the quote, name the theme it relates to, describe the context, and write a brief analysis of the quote. Label each part with the following:
 - a. Quote
 - b. Thematic Idea
 - c. Context
 - d. Analysis

Thematic ideas to choose from* for Theme Analysis with Quote:

- Money and Materialism
- Society and Class
- The American Dream
- Love and Marriage
- Death and Failure
- Morality and Ethics
- 1920's America
- Dissatisfaction

*Note: you do not have to use every thematic, and you may write about the same thematic idea multiple times.

Example of Theme Analysis with Quote:

3. Chapter 1

a. Quote

- i. *"That's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."*
(p. 17)

b. Thematic Idea

- i. *The American Dream*

c. Context

- i. *Daisy says this when talking to Nick about what she said when her daughter was born.*

d. Analysis

- i. *This contributes to the novel's theme regarding the American Dream because it demonstrates that not everyone feels that they have access to it, despite being American. Daisy, an extremely wealthy and well-connected woman, feels that she cannot rise above her station as a woman. In other words, she articulates what many call a glass ceiling with regard to what she thinks that woman can achieve. Thus, the book echoes the feeling that the American Dream of the 1920's was only reserved for certain people.*

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a very well known and widely published book, so you should be able to find a copy at your local library.

Additionally, we have copies available to be checked out from CMA at the front office, which is open on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Some things to consider as you engage in this assignment:

- Even if you are confused, even if something is unclear, you are required to make an attempt. Just do the best you can.
- Correct grammar, punctuation, and complete sentences are expected for all entries.
- We anticipate important events like family vacations, etc. That is why we want to communicate these expectations early, providing you a full summer to work around your individual schedules and needs.
- If you have any personal objections to the content of this text and would like an alternative assignment, please reach out to the email below and one will be provided as soon as possible.

*If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Mr. Anderson
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