

Summer Reading Assignment
11th Grade Honors English—Mrs. Slicker

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Before returning to school, you will need to read *The Great Gatsby* to complete this assignment. This organizer will guide your reading and prepare you for the quiz, discussions, and related assignments. **You may use this packet for the quizzes. A hard copy is due on the first day of school.**

Title: *The Great Gatsby* Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald Published: 1925

SECTION 1 – Explain each of the following terms in the context of the early 20th century.

Flapper

The Great War

Women's Suffrage

Bootlegger

SECTION 2 Social and economic class play a significant role in *The Great Gatsby*. Tom Buchanan represents “old” money, a term that refers to families who have been wealthy for several generations. Jay Gatsby represents “new” money, a term that refers to individuals who acquire their fortunes within their lifetimes and spend it conspicuously. Tom’s and Gatsby’s behaviors and attitudes are suggestive of the conflicting values between “old” and “new” money.

For each character, select three instances in which issues concerning his wealth and status arise. Provide a concrete detail (including page number) for each instance and commentary concerning what it suggests about the character.

Tom	<p>Concrete Details & page #</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>What it suggests about his character</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
Gatsby	<p>Concrete Details & page #</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>What it suggests about his character</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>

SECTION 3 Flashbacks are moments when the narration moves back to an earlier point in time. Identify three flashbacks and discuss how each flashback develops your understanding of Jay Gatsby.

Flashback	Page Number	How it develops Jay Gatsby
1.		
2.		
3.		

SECTION 5 Nick's Character

Characterization: In a 7-10 sentence paragraph, explain how Nick has changed by the end of the novel. Provide one concrete detail from the beginning of the novel and one from the end of the novel to support your explanation, ***embedding those concrete details in your response.***

Example: *By the end of the novel, Huck declares that he "can't stand" the idea of being adopted by Aunt Sally (324).*

Notice how the above quote is a fluent part of the sentence as a whole; it is not merely placed in the sentence awkwardly.

Section 6 Colors and Personality

Fitzgerald uses colors symbolically as indicators of personality in his characters. Color can tell a careful reader much about who a character is, and what his or her personality is like. Locate two places where color is used significantly to reveal or reinforce an idea about a character's personality, and explain how color is used in context to give a reader a deeper understanding.

Quotation(s) about color and character.	Context within the novel where color is mentioned	Explanation of what the use of color contributes to a reader's knowledge of the character's personality.

