

Idées de problématiques

American Dream

How does this passage both celebrate and undermine the American Dream?
To what extent does the extract reveal the illusion underlying the American Dream?
How does Fitzgerald expose the gap between aspiration and reality?

Appearances vs Reality

How does Fitzgerald contrast appearances with underlying reality in this passage?
How does the text reveal the deceptive nature of glamour and success?
In what ways does the passage unveil the fragility behind appearances?

Narrative and Nick's pov

How does narration shape the reader's perception of events and characters?
To what extent is Nick a reliable observer in this passage?
How does narrative perspective create ambiguity?

Social criticism

How does the extract criticize social hierarchy in Jazz Age America?
How are class divisions exposed through this scene?
How does Fitzgerald question social mobility in the 1920s?

Disillusion and modernity

How does the passage reflect the moral disillusionment of the 1920s?
How does Fitzgerald portray the emptiness of modern life?
In what ways does the text suggest the failure of modern ideals?

Gatsby as a symbolic figure

How is Gatsby portrayed as both a dreamer and an illusion?
How does the passage construct Gatsby as a symbolic figure?
To what extent does Gatsby embody the hopes and contradictions of his era?