



# THE GREAT GATSBY



**DOMAINE 1 :**

Comprendre, s'exprimer en utilisant une langue étrangère.

Lire et comprendre l'écrit

*Comprendre le résumé d'une œuvre littéraire, les liens entre les personnages et les grandes lignes de l'intrigue. A2*

Nick Carraway, a young man from Minnesota, moves to New York in the summer of 1922 to learn about the bond business. He rents a house in the West Egg district of Long Island, a wealthy but unfashionable area populated by the new rich. Nick's next-door neighbour in West Egg is a mysterious man named Jay Gatsby, who lives in a gigantic Gothic mansion and throws extravagant parties every Saturday night.

Nick is unlike the other inhabitants of West Egg—he was educated at Yale and has social connections in East Egg, a fashionable area of Long Island home to the established upper class. Nick drives out to East Egg one evening for dinner with his cousin, Daisy Buchanan, and her husband, Tom. Daisy and Tom introduce Nick to Jordan Baker, a beautiful, cynical young woman with whom Nick begins a romantic relationship. Nick also learns a bit about Daisy and Tom's marriage: Jordan tells him that Tom has a lover, Myrtle Wilson, who lives in the valley of ashes, a grey industrial dumping ground between West Egg and New York City.

As the summer progresses, Nick eventually receives an invitation to one of Gatsby's legendary parties. He encounters Jordan Baker at the party, and they meet Gatsby himself. Gatsby tells Jordan that he knew Daisy in Louisville in 1917 and is deeply in love with her. Gatsby and Daisy re-establish their connection. Their love rekindled, they begin an affair.

After a short time, Tom grows increasingly suspicious of his wife's relationship with Gatsby. Tom asserts that he and Daisy have a history that Gatsby could never understand, and he announces to his wife that Gatsby is a criminal—his fortune comes from bootlegging alcohol and other illegal activities.

When Nick, Jordan, and Tom drive through the valley of ashes, however, they discover that Gatsby's car has struck and killed Myrtle, Tom's lover. They rush back to Long Island, where Nick learns from Gatsby that Daisy was driving the car when it struck Myrtle, but that Gatsby intends to take the blame. The next day, Tom tells Myrtle's husband, George, that Gatsby was the driver of the car. George, who has come to the conclusion that the driver of the car that killed Myrtle must have been her lover, finds Gatsby in the pool at his mansion and shoots him dead. He, then fatally shoots himself.

Vocabulary:

Bond = titre, obligation

To rent = louer

Wealthy = riche

Dumping = dépôt de déchets

Rekindled = ravivé

Bootlegging = contrebande

“ Rush back = rentrer à toute vitesse

Take the blame = assumer

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1) Où Nick Carraway déménage-t-il l'été 1922 et pour quelle raison ?

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2) Donne des informations sur son mystérieux voisin.

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3) Qui est Daisy Buchanan ?

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4) Qui est Jordan Baker ?

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5) Qui est Myrtle Wilson ?

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6) Qu'apprenons-nous sur Gatsby et Daisy ?

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7) D'où vient la fortune de Gatsby ?

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8) Qu'arrive-t-il à Myrtle ? Qui est responsable ?

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9) Qu'arrive-t-il à Gatsby ?

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