

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

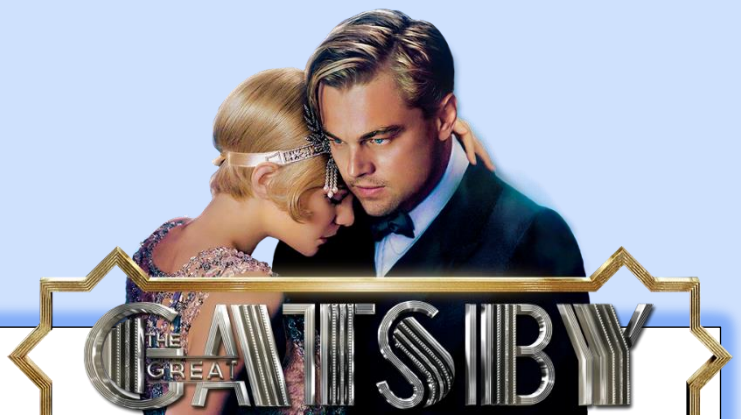
Dumping = dépôt de déchets

Rekindled = ravivé

Bootlegging = contrebande

“ Rush back = rentrer à toute vitesse

Take the blame = assumer



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

Il déménage à New-York dans un quartier de Long Island pour nouveaux riches. Il souhaite se former aux affaires des titres et obligations.

2) Donne des informations sur son mystérieux voisin.

Son voisin s'appelle Jay Gatsby. Il habite un gigantesque manoir gothique et organise des fêtes extravagantes tous les samedis soir.

3) Qui est Daisy Buchanan ?

C'est la cousine de Nick Carraway.

4) Qui est Jordan Baker ?

C'est une belle et cynique jeune femme avec qui Nick entretient une relation romantique.

5) Qui est Myrtle Wilson ?

C'est la maîtresse de Tom Buchanan. Elle vit dans la Vallée de Cendres, une zone de décharge industrielle.

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

Ils ont eu une relation en 1917 à Louisville et Gatsby est toujours amoureux d'elle. Après avoir ravivé la flamme, ils entament une nouvelle relation secrète.

7) D'où vient la fortune de Gatsby ?

Sa fortune vient de la contrebande d'alcool et d'autres affaires illégales.

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

Elle est tuée, renversée par la voiture de Gatsby. Daisy était au volant mais Gatsby prend la responsabilité de l'accident.

9) Qu'arrive-t-il à Gatsby ?

Il est abattu dans sa piscine par le mari de Myrtle qui pensait que le conducteur de la voiture devait être l'amant de sa femme.