

Myrtle Wilson Murder Board

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This activity is best if students have not read chapter 7.

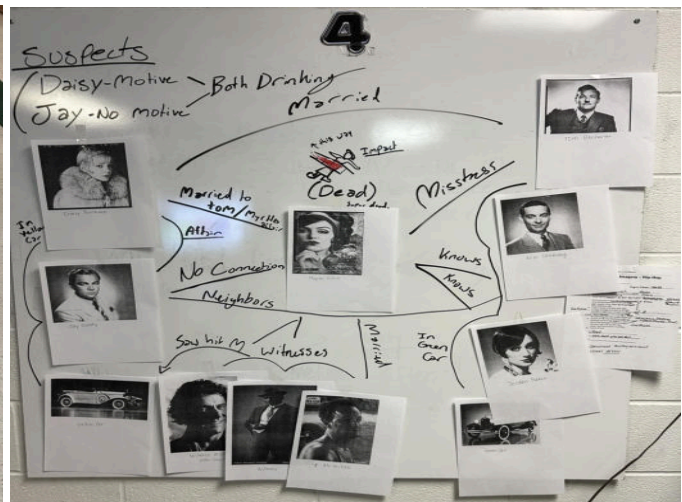
Day 1: Read the Reader's Theatre Script: "The Showdown at the Plaza," (on TPT for \$1.50) or Read chapter 7 until "Please. Tom, I can't stand it anymore."

Day 2: Divide students into groups of 4-5. Copy a packet of the photos for every group. Have them begin in chapter 7 which begins, "Please, Tom, I can't stand it anymore..." and end with Tom saying, "He didn't even stop the car."

Read to students: Your job is to become a Crime Scene Investigator and figure out who killed Myrtle Wilson. Tape the pictures to a vertical board and use the text to recreate the scene. Draw lines to connect characters. Read the witness testimony carefully; witnesses are notoriously unreliable.



Teaser for day 2



Sample Murder board



Daisy Buchanan



Jay Gatsby



Tom Buchanan



Victim-Myrtle Wilson



Nick Carraway



Jordan Baker



George Wilson
Victim's Husband
Owner of Wilson's Garage



Michaelis (Greek store owner) Witness #1- Tells police he thinks car that hit Myrtle was light green but not sure.
The car fled the scene.



Possible Light Green car Witness #1 sees flee the scene.



Car Travelling towards New York. Stopped to administer aid.



Tom Buchanan's Blue Coupe



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Witness #2-saw a yellow car hit Myrtle and leave the scene.



Yellow car Witness #2 sees leaving the scene