

The Great Gatsby Literary Journal Assignment
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Assignment: You are to keep a journal and respond as you read The Great Gatsby. The required length of each response is with each assignment and all responses are to be turned in by the end of a class session if it is a writing day. The purpose of a literary journal is for the reader to reflect upon the issues, concerns, and concepts that are brought about by an author. You will most likely use the text to support any responses you will have. You will be expected to keep track of EACH literary journal. At the end of the novel, I will collect all 7 literary journals. At that time, this will be counted as a test grade.

Writing response one: (To be done after chapter 1) a. Point of view in literature refers to the voice telling the story. It may be the author as narrator or one of the characters in the story. From whose point of view is this story told? Why do you think the author chose this point of view? b. Irony refers to a statement or event that turns out to be the opposite of what was expected. Explain the irony in the following statement Daisy made in reference to Jordan: "I think the home influence will be very good for her." (one page typed, two pages handwritten)

Writing response two: (To be done after chapter 2) How do you feel about the characters that you have met in the Great Gatsby so far? Do any of the characters remind you of anybody that you know? How have the female characters been portrayed so far? (one page typed; one to 1 1/2 pages handwritten)

Writing response three: (To be done after chapter 3) Create a chart that completely provides details of Gatsby's parties. Fill in the chart with the language Fitzgerald used to evoke the senses of smell, sight, hearing, touch, and taste. Then, write a description of Gatsby's party. Would you enjoy attending one of Gatsby's parties? Why or why not? (completed chart with at least two examples of EACH SENSE)

Writing response four: (To be done after chapter 4) a. A flashback is a literary device in which a scene or series of scenes show events that happened at an earlier time. The flashback is inserted into a current situation. At what point in Chapter 4 did the flashback begin? What purpose did it serve? What did you learn that was important to your understanding of the novel? (1 page typed; 1 1/2 half to 2 pages handwritten)

Writing response five: (To be done after chapter 5) The reader does not know what is actually said between Daisy and Gatsby after Nick leaves them alone in his house. Write the dialogue that might have occurred between the two characters. (1 page typed; 1 1/2 to 2 pages handwritten)

Writing response six: (To be written after chapter 8) A eulogy is a speech or writing in praise of a person, usually in honor of a deceased person. Write a eulogy for Gatsby. (1 page typed; 1 1/2-2 pages handwritten)

Writing response seven: (To be written upon completion of the novel) Until the stock market crash of 1929 and the subsequent Great Depression of the 1930s the American Dream was alive and well. It was widely believed that an enterprising young person, from whatever station in life

he came, could rise by his own initiative to a life of wealth and accomplishment. How did Fitzgerald's story of Jay Gatsby foreshadow the Great Depression and the death of the American Dream? (2 pages typed; 3-4 pages handwritten)