The Great Gatsbysmall group discussion topicschapters 1-3

- 1. In the story "Winter Dreams," what do golf / the country club symbolize?
- 2. Based on the first chapters of the book, explain these literary terms:
 - o unreliable narrator
 - o *frame story*
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- 3. Imagine that each of the following main characters was alive today. What kind of car today (make and model) would they buy and drive? Explain your opinion.
 - Nick Carraway
 - Jordan Baker

Daisy Buchanan

• Tom Buchanan

- Jay GatsbyMyrtle Wilson
- 4. Daisy tells Nick that when her daughter was born she told the nurse that she hoped her baby would be "a fool—that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool" (17). Why would a new mother say this about her daughter?
- 5. Who lives in the "valley of ashes"? Why is that symbolic?
- 6. Briefly explain 4 things that Tom does *for* or *to* Myrtle Wilson in chapter 2.
- 7. Why is "Owl Eyes" surprised about the books in Gatsby's library? What does this scene reveal about Gatsby? Name and briefly explain two separate and distinct answers.
- 8. In chapter 3, Jordan says "I like large parties. They're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy" (49). Discuss what that means. Is it true? Explain how it is a "paradox."
- 9. Near the end of chapter 3, Nick and Jordan have a conversation about driving. Reread pages 57 (middle) to the end of the chapter at the top of page 59 and then make three separate and distinct comments about this exchange.