

# The Great Gatsby Analysis Foldable for Chapters 1-5

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Fold the paper so it has 2 doors on the outside
2. Cut the 2 doors so there are 4 doors.

### 3. **On the inside** write the following information:

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    - *The Great Gatsby* takes place... **(3-5 sentences)**
- b. Make a claim about Jay Gatsby so far and explain your opinion.
  - Gatsby is... **(3-5 sentences)**
- c. Describe one symbol and its meaning.
  - One symbol is... It represents... **(3-5 sentences)**
- d. Choose what you consider to be an important moment in the novel thus far. Describe it in your own words, and explain why it is important.
  - One important moment in the novel thus far has been... It is important, because... **(3-5 sentences)**

### 4. **On the front**

- a. Choose one of the settings described in the novel to illustrate. (On the inside: a)
- b. Create an illustration of Gatsby, along with something that helps represent him. (On the inside: b)
- c. Create an illustration of the symbol you wrote about. (On the inside: c)
- d. To the best of your ability, illustrate the moment or scene you chose. (On the inside: d)

### 5. **On the back:**

- a. Copy exact quotes or phrases from the book **that offer the setting details**.  
\*\*\* (These do not need to be complete sentences)
  - "write your quote" (Fitzgerald pg#).
- b. Copy exact quotes or phrases from the book **that support your claim about Jay Gatsby**.  
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  - "write your quote" (Fitzgerald pg#).
- c. Copy exact quotes or phrases from the book **that describe your chosen symbol**.  
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**Inside of foldable**


**Front**


**Back**

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**Notes:**

a **claim** is something you propose to be true, based on evidence

-Nick is a good person. (This is debatable, but I could support this claim with evidence.)

a **symbol** is something that represents something greater than its literal meaning

-a wedding ring is more than just a round piece of metal. It represents love and commitment.

You may not use this, but an example of a symbol from *The Great Gatsby* would be Daisy's name. A Daisy is a delicate, beautiful white flower with a yellow center. White often symbolizes purity and innocence, which is how Gatsby views Daisy in the novel. The yellow inside is symbolic of the golden memory of Daisy, from 5 years ago, that Gatsby holds on to. That golden memory is the center of everything for Gatsby.

As we continue to read, this symbolism of Daisy's name develops. A Daisy looks harmless, but is actually an injurious plant. In the wild, Daisies spread like weeds. They must be contained; otherwise, they strangle and destroy surrounding plants.

## GRADING RUBRIC

Name & Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_/50pts.

### On the front:

2 points- shows effort

1 point- lacks effort

A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_ D: \_\_\_\_\_ Goes above and beyond: \_\_\_\_\_/2 = \_\_\_\_\_/10pts.

### On the inside:

5 points- 3-5 complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

4 points- 3-5 sentences with a few capitalization, punctuation, or spelling errors.

3 points- 2 sentences with few errors.

2 points- 1-2 sentences with many errors.

1 point- 1 sentence

0 points- missing

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### On the back:

5 points – 3 or more quotes with correct citations

4 points- 2 quotes with correct citations

3 points -2-3 quotes with incorrect citations

2 points – 1 quote with correct citation

1 point- 1 quote with incorrect citation

0 points- missing

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### **Note to Teacher:**

You will need poster paper for this. I have found that 17 by 11 works best.

Pages 1 & 2- Student Handout (breaks down the assignment with clear instructions)

Page 3- Grading Rubric (it breaks it down enough to where a good TA can actually grade them for you)

### About the assignment:

They must describe the setting, make a claim about Gatsby, identify a symbol, and describe an important moment in the novel thus far. For each of these, they must will have 3 tasks: illustrations, claims/explanations, and textual evidence.

I used this with my 11th graders (grade-level) and found that it was effective. I will actually be creating a second one for chapters 6-9 to explore themes and more symbols.

\*\*\* You may want to change requirements from 3-5 sentences to 5-7 sentences depending on your class's ability.