

# The Great Gatsby: Automobiles

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**Directions:** Fitzgerald uses the automobile as an overarching symbol in his novel. With your group, find at least 5 scenes from the novel where automobiles play a significant role. Look through all chapters – don't just stick to the last few! List the scenes below (using page numbers) and identify what role the car played in the scene.

Scene 1:

Scene 2:

Scene 3:

Scene 4:

Scene 5:

# The Great Gatsby: Colors

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**Directions:** Fitzgerald uses color throughout his novel as a way to give deeper insight to the images he provides. With your group, complete the following list, identifying the color of each item/image. In some cases, you will need to infer a color as Fitzgerald might not directly state a specific color. An example of each (direct & indirect) has been done for you. Whenever possible, provide page numbers. Then describe the different moods Fitzgerald creates through this use of color.

## Examples

Direct: Tom's Hair = Straw (page 11)

Indirect: East Egg = white/natural light

West Egg =

Daisy's hair =

Gatsby's garden and lawn =

Myrtle's 3 dresses =

Tom's car =

Daisy's dresses =

Jordan's eyes =

Moonlight at Gatsby's party =

Gatsby =

Manhattan =

The light at the end of Daisy's dock =

Gatsby's station wagon =

Valley of Ashes =

Wolfsheim's cufflinks =

\*What colors do you find recurring throughout the novel? What is the significance of each?

# The Great Gatsby: Eyes

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**Directions:** Fitzgerald makes reference to eyes throughout his novel. Identify at least 5 instances where eyes play a role. The same eyes may be referenced more than once. List the scenes below (directly quoting and using page numbers) and identify the significance of the eyes for that particular moment in the book.

Scene 1:

Scene 2:

Scene 3:

Scene 4:

Scene 5:

# The Great Gatsby: Themes

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**Directions I:** With your group, brainstorm some of the thematic topics present in the novel. Use the information on automobiles, colors, and eyes to guide your thinking.

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| 1. American dream | 6.  |
| 2.                | 7.  |
| 3.                | 8.  |
| 4.                | 9.  |
| 5.                | 10. |

**Directions II:** On your own, select three of the topics you listed above and state the theme that Fitzgerald is trying to convey.

1. The pursuit of the "American Dream" has the ability to...

2.

3.

**Directions III:** What do you think is the one most important theme a reader can take away from the novel?