The Great GatsbyChapter 1 Summary Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* We meet the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Nick Carraway.
* The first thing he does is pass along some of his father's advice: "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that you've had.”
* We learn that our narrator tries to be non-judgmental. As a result, people tell him their life stories.
* We find out that he is "a Carraway," which apparently means that he's got wealth and class. And he went to school at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Nick introduces us to the setting: New York City and the twin villages of West Egg and East Egg in Long Island.
* Please note that West Egg, where Carraway lives, is not as respectable as East Egg because West Egg is inhabited by people who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On this "less fashionable" West Egg, Nick Carraway lives next to a huge mansion inhabited by a mysterious Mr. Gatsby. More on him later.
* Nick Carraway has come to the East Coast to learn the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ business. Not, like, posting bail, but trading stocks and bonds. In other words, he's a stockbroker/ financial type.
* Nick heads over to East Egg to have dinner with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, his second cousin once removed, and her husband, Tom Buchanan, an old college acquaintance.
* The Buchanans have tons of money, but as Nick quickly learns, they are morally bankrupt.
* We see that Tom is a large and "aggressive" former football player who is controlling and opinionated.
* We then meet two women dressed in white – Daisy, of course, and her friend, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Daisy and Tom have a daughter, who is about two years old (yet never appears in the chapter).
* During dinner, Tom leaves to answer a phone call. When Daisy follows a few minutes later to confront him, Jordan reveals that Tom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They return to the table as if nothing happened.
* Later alone, Daisy tells Nick about when her daughter was born: Tom wasn't there, and she wished that her daughter would be a "beautiful little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"
* —i.e., too dumb to know any better.
* It turns out that Jordan is a professional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is staying with the Buchanans temporarily.
* Daisy then jokes about Jordan and Nick getting together.
* When Nick finally gets home to West Egg, he notices that his neighbor, Mr. Gatsby, is looking out across the water at a lone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before stretching his arm out towards it oh-so-symbolically.

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* Nick describes the land that lies in between the Eggs and New York as a "valley of ashes", which sounds really unpleasant.
* On an old billboard in the Valley of Ashes is an advertisement for an eye doctor, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,
* No doubt these eyes will be symbolic in the story…
* The whole reason we hear about this place is that Nick is traveling to the city with Tom, who insists on stopping to show Nick his mistress.
* His mistress, Myrtle Wilson, is the wife of an auto mechanic named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Tom acts like a jerk towards the husband (who wants to buy a car from Tom) and then gives Myrtle the order to come with him to the city.
* Myrtle’s husband is unaware of her true intentions when she leaves; he thinks Myrtle just goes to the city to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On the way to the city, Myrtle wants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so Tom buys her one.
* This whole situation feels so wrong and awkward that Nick tries to jump ship. But the happy couple doesn't let him.
* In the city, they head to Tom’s apartment and meet up with others, including a Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Myrtle's sister, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They drink a lot of Tom's whiskey, and Nick gets drunk for the second time in his life. Myrtle tries to play the part of a wealthy, classy hostess, but the reader can see that she is not.
* When Nick reveals that he lives in West Egg, one of the drunken guests goes on and on about the fabulous parties that this guy Gatsby throws at his mansion in West Egg.
* Myrtle's sister tells Nick that Myrtle and Tom both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Apparently Tom has told Myrtle some lies about Daisy being Catholic to string her along without having to divorce Daisy.
* Tom tells Myrtle to stop saying Daisy's name. Myrtle, of course, says "Daisy, Daisy, Dai-“... and then Tom breaks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Nick recalls being too drunk to remember much of the rest of the night or how he eventually got to Pennsylvania Station.