

The Great Gatsby
Essay Exam

Please choose one of the following essay topics from the movie, *The Great Gatsby*. You will use specific details from the movie to complete your essay and you must answer all part of the essay topic. Please follow the writing process when composing your essay, but only the good copy will be collected on the due date. The writing rubric will be used to grade the essay and it will count as a test grade. The due date is _____.

Essay Topics

1. How does Gatsby represent the American dream? What does the novel have to say about the condition of the American dream in the 1920's? In what ways do the themes of dreams, wealth, and time relate to each other in the movie's exploration of the idea of America?
2. Compare and contrast Gatsby and Tom. How are they alike? How are they different? Given the extremely negative light in which Tom is portrayed throughout the movie, why might Daisy choose to remain with him instead of leaving him for Gatsby?