

The Great Gatsby Project Options

Select one of the following projects. The writing element of all projects must utilize strong, descriptive verbs, sensory detail, & variety of sentence structure.

1. Create a collage poster with important quotes and images from the novel. You may use magazines for both letters and pictures; you may create with a computer or your own hands; you may glue on objects for effect. Write a 1-2 page essay explaining why you chose those quotes, those images, or a scene from the novel. Evaluate the importance of these using literary terms.
2. Create a model, shadowbox, or diorama of a scene from the novel. Be sure your important scene is easily recognizable. Write a 1-2 page essay explaining why you chose that scene. Evaluate its importance using literary terms.
3. Design an invitation to a party hosted by one of the major characters. Include location, time, occasion, dress, menu, and entertainment. Your party must be an accurate reflection of the character you have chosen. Describe, in 1-2 pages, a scene from the party which incorporates the characters, themes, and motifs of the novel. Use Fitzgerald's style, making sure you have at least 2 lines which imitate his sense of color, sound, or repetition.
4. As a reporter whose beat is West/East Egg society, write a short character sketch (1-2 pages) on the character of your choice. Your sketch should be written in the form of a newspaper article ready for the "Social Register" of the *Long Island News*. It will feature not only your chosen character, but also social contacts with anyone who might be noteworthy. Include a headline for the article.
5. Design and write a handbook of social etiquette (1-2 pages) for West/East Egg. Use details from the novel and your own imagination to instruct newcomers about the customs, etiquette, and traditions that are characteristic of the social relationships in these communities.
6. Think about the vast difference between Gatsby's vision of Daisy and the reality of who she actually is. Illustrate this

- difference in a set of drawings- one depicting Gatsby's dream, and the other depicting the real Daisy. Write a 1-2 page essay explaining your work.
7. Watch The Great Gatsby on video. Choose specific scenes which use symbols of color, money, eyes or others to present to the class. Write a 1-2 page paper explaining why you chose the scenes, and analyzing why they are effective in communicating the destruction of the American Dream.