

# PURPOSE IN READING

## THE GREAT GATSBY

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WHILE WE ARE READING THE GREAT GATSBY WE WILL BE GOING OVER A PLETHORA OF LITERARY ELEMENTS, IDEAS, THEMES, CONCEPTS, AND IDEAS. YOU WILL BE WRITING A PAPER ABOUT ONE OF THESE AFTER WE HAVE READ THE NOVEL. YOU WILL SPEND THE TIME WHILE READING COLLECTING EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT WHATEVER STANCE YOU ARE TAKING ON THE NOVEL.

BELOW ARE IDEAS FOR WHAT YOUR PAPER CAN BE ABOUT:

- IS THIS THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL? WHY?
- IS JAY GATSBY THE GREAT AMERICAN CHARACTER? WHY?
- IS THE MAIN THEME OF THE GREAT GATSBY HOPE / ASPIRATIONS? PROVE IT.
- IS NICK A RELIABLE / GOOD NARRATOR AND MAIN CHARACTER?
- IS THE MAIN THEME OF THE GREAT GATSBY TIME? PROVE IT.
- HOW IS LOSS INCORPORATED INTO THE NOVEL? IS IT A THEME? (THE LOSS OF WHAT?)
- CHOOSE A SYMBOL FROM THE BOOK AND DISCUSS IT IN DEPTH. (WATER, GREEN LIGHT, EYES, CARS, ETC.)

CHOOSE ONE OF THESE TOPICS. THE ENTIRE TIME WE ARE READING YOU NEED TO BE COLLECTING EVIDENCE (QUOTES AND PAGE NUMBERS) TO BACK UP YOUR POINT. LOOK FOR MOMENTS THAT SHOWCASE WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY. KEEP A CHART WITH QUOTES SO THAT YOU HAVE AMPLE EVIDENCE FOR YOUR PAPER.

PAPER REQUIREMENTS:

- 12 PT TNR FONT
- DOUBLE SPACED
- MLA FORMAT
- AT LEAST 3 PAGES
- WORKS CITED PAGE
- INCORPORATE ONE OUTSIDE CRITIC (ONLINE OR BOOK REFERENCE OKAY)

EXAMPLE CHART:

THE MAIN THEME OF THE GREAT GATSBY IS HOPE

QUOTE	PG. NUMBER	PROVES IT?
"I hope she'll be a fool -- that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."	21	Here Daisy is talking about when her daughter was born and how she hoped that she would be a fool. This proves that although Daisy is not the best mother, is a weird way she is hopeful that her daughter will be okay.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT THESIS FOR YOUR PAPER! WE WILL SPEND TIME ON THIS IN CLASS AS WELL, BUT START THINKING AND USING THE THINGS YOU ALREADY KNOW IN ORDER TO PREPARE AND DO WELL.

YOU'RE THE BEST!