

THE GREAT GATSBY, CH. 2

1. The description of the "valley of ashes" opens this chapter. Literally, what is the valley of ashes? What might it represent on a symbolic level?

2. Compare and contrast George Wilson and Tom Buchanan. Then, compare and contrast Myrtle Wilson and Daisy Buchanan.



3. How do we know that Myrtle Wilson is not an intellectual?

4. Notice how often and in what context Doctor Eckleburg's eyes are mentioned. Symbolically, what might those eyes on that billboard represent?

5. What's up with the puppy? Why do you suppose Fitzgerald included it as an element in this chapter?

6. Do you think Tom will leave Daisy for Myrtle? Support your answer.