

Name: _____ Class Period: _____

The Great Gatsby

Chapter 4 Reading Guide

Please answer the following in complete sentences. You will include this in your Gatsby notebook and are strongly encouraged to type your responses.

1. What impression do you get of the list of the people that attend Gatsby's parties? Why might some of them be defined as part of what is called the "Lost Generation"?
2. Why do you think that Fitzgerald spent two pages listing these guests? What purpose would this have served to his readers?
3. Please describe Gatsby's car and Nick's impressions of it.
4. Why does Nick describe Gatsby's physical movements and tendencies? What about these tendencies are not consistent with his supposed breeding/background?
5. Why does Nick think that Gatsby is lying to him?
6. Do you think Gatsby is telling the truth? Why or why not? What do you think of Nick's opinion... does he really trust Gatsby? Should he?
7. Describe Gatsby's past with Daisy, as related by Jordan. How do you think that Daisy feels about Gatsby?
8. Nick is feeling that he has been used as a pawn in Gatsby's plans. What signs do you see of Gatsby's calculating behavior? Do you believe Jordan's story? Why?

Vocabulary Ch 4.

Please define the following words and copy the line where they are used in the text.

1. punctilious
2. incredulity
3. somnambulatory
4. denizen