

Accelerated English III
Summer Reading Assignments 2019-20
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Text: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

PDF: download the book in a PDF viewer or iBooks
<http://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/the-great-gatsby.pdf>

*Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and will result in a grade of “0”. Be sure to cite all quotations and borrowed ideas. While collaborating with others in the class to discuss the books is acceptable, you should complete all assignments independently. If you are not able to complete these assignments on your own, you may not be prepared for the level of work required in this class. Assignment 1 is worth 30 points, assignment 2 is worth 30 points, and assignment 3 is worth 40 points for a total of 100 points (Major Grade).

Assignments Due Dates:

Assignment 1: June 28

Assignment 2: July 19

Assignment 3: August 2

ASSIGNMENT 1: DUE Friday, June 28th (30 points)

1. Read Chapters 1-3
2. *The Great Gatsby* is set in New York during the 1920s. Using the internet, research the political changes, social changes, and moral changes that occurred in America during the 1920s. First, discuss each change historically then find an example of each from the novel. **Present your findings in digital format by creating a Keynote, Google Slide, iMovie, etc.**
 - Be sure to research and discuss **each** category (political, social, and moral changes).
 - Apply the concept to the Chapters 1-3 (be sure to discuss all 3 categories).
 - Be sure to directly reference the book—a specific quote and include page number.
 - If creating a Keynote, Google Slide, etc. use a minimum of 6 slides. Also include a title slide that includes your name, Mrs. King, Accelerated English III, *The Great Gatsby*.
3. Submit presentation as a PDF in Canvas

ASSIGNMENT 2: DUE Friday, July 19th (30 points)

1. Read Chapters 4-6
2. Compose “tweets” for Gatsby and Daisy. What would Gatsby and Daisy “tweet”

throughout each chapter? Write it as though you are Gatsby and Daisy using Twitter. **Do NOT compose tweets for Daisy for Ch. 4 (only Gatsby)** but compose tweets for Daisy and Gatsby for Chapters 5 and 6. **Then compose your own tweets about Gatsby and Daisy for each chapter. Remember, you are the person tweeting.** What do you think about each character? Maximum length of a “tweet” on Twitter is 280 characters, so length should only be 1-3 sentences.

- **Compose 3-5 tweets for each Chapter (Chapters 4, 5, and 6)**
 - **You will have tweets from you, Gatsby, and Daisy (except Ch. 4 for Daisy)**
 - Place all tweets in **one** document under the appropriate chapter header (Chapter 4 Tweets, Chapter 5 Tweets, and Chapter 6 Tweets)
3. Submit tweets as a PDF in Canvas

ASSIGNMENT 3: DUE Friday, August 2nd (40 points)

1. Read Chapters 7-9
2. Assignment: Write a 1-2 page typed, double-spaced paper analyzing a particular motif/theme or element of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*.
3. Submit paper as a PDF in Canvas

Final Draft:

- Must be typed according to MLA format of paper guidelines
- 1-2 pages
- 12 point Times New Roman font
- Double spaced

Possible paper topics:

- What are Gatsby’s most obvious flaws? How do these affect his life and/or relationship with Daisy?
- Discuss the symbolic meaning of the eyes of T.J. Eckleburg
- Discuss a symbol in the novel
- Discuss the concept of the American Dream
- Discuss the role of social class in the novel (new money vs old money)
- What is the effect of living in the past
- Compare/contrast two characters
- Analyze one character from the book (discuss how this character’s behavior/attitude affects the outcome of their life, relationship with others, etc)

Quotes: You may want to use one of these for inspiration.

- In describing the America of the 1920s, F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote: “The uncertainties of

1919 were over. America was going on the greatest, gaudiest spree in history.”

- “Grant me paradise in this world; I’m not sure I’ll reach it in the next.” (Tinteretto)
- “Men travel faster now, but I do not know if they go to better things.” (Willa Cather)
- “To see her was to love her,/Love but her, and love her forever.” (Robert Burns)
- “Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped” (Calvin Coolidge)
- “Too late is tomorrow’s life. Live for today.” (Martial)
- “Modern Age—When girls wear less on the street than their grandmothers wore in bed”
- “The almighty dollar, that great object of universal devotion throughout our land” (Washington Irving)
- “Money is the root of all evil” (1 Timothy 6:10)
- Excellence can be achieved if you . . . risk more than others think is safe, love more than others think is wise, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible. (Anonymous)
- Load up your mind with pictures capturing your preferred tomorrow. Put the remembrances of the past in a place where they won't block your view. (Gary Carter)

