**Close Reading Selections**

**Chapter 1**

***The Great Gatsby***

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“In my younger and more vulnerable years…is parcelled out unequally at birth.”

“When I came back from the East…abortive sorrows and short-winded elations of men.”

“It was a matter of chance that I should have rented…all for eighty dollars a month.”

“Across the courtesy bay the white palaces…He turned me around again, politely and abruptly. ‘We’ll go inside.’”

“Sometimes she and Miss Baker talked at once…as if his complacency, more acute than of old, was not enough to him anymore.”

“Daisy took her face in her hands…membership in a rather distinguished secret society to which she and Tom belonged.”

“As I started my motor Daisy peremptorily called…as if his sturdy physical egotism no longer nourished his peremptory heart.”

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**Chapter 2**

***The Great Gatsby***

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“About half way between West Egg and New York…and it was because of this that I first met Tom Buchanan’s mistress.”

“I followed him over a low white-washed railroad fence…’Get some chairs, why don’t you, so somebody can sit down.’”

“So Tom Buchanan and his girl and I went up together…of those East Eggers who might be on the train.”

“The apartment was on the top floor…Tom brought out a bottle of whiskey from a locked bureau drawer.”

“Catherine leaned close to me and whispered in my year…’…and then I laid down and cried to beat the band all afternoon.’”

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**Chapter 3**

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“There was music from my neighbor’s house…The party has begun.”

“’You don’t know who we are,’ said one of the girls…who had found little that it was necessary to whisper about in this world.”

“The bar, where we glanced first, was crowded…and went back outdoors.”

“I was still with Jordan Baker…into something significant, elemental and profound.”

“He smiled understandingly…picking his words with care.”

“Almost at the moment with Mr. Gatsby…and buy a palace on Long Island Sound.”

“The nature of Mr. Tostoff’s composition eluded me…were formed with Gatsby’s head for one link.”

“I was alone and it was almost two…both wives were lifted kicking into the night.”

“But as I walked down the steps I saw that…’No harm in trying,’ he said.”

“Reading over what I have written so far…and sharing their intimate excitement, I wished them well.”

“For a while I lost sight of Jordan Baker…’That’s why I like you.’”

“Her grey sun-strained eyes stared straight ahead…one of the few honest people I have ever known.”

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**Chapter 4**

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“Once I wrote down on the empty spaces of a time-table…All these people came to Gatsby’s house in the summer.”

“I had talked with him perhaps half a dozen times…with their crimson-lighted depths, the gnawings of his broken heart.”

“With fenders spread like wings…’…and he sends me a Christmas card every year.’”

“’Anything can happen now…without any particular wonder.’”

“’This is a nice restaurant here…’…’I had a wrong man.’”

“’He has to telephone…’…’He would never so much as look at a friend’s wife.’”

“One October day in nineteen-seventeen…that I connected this with the officer in her white car.”

“When Jordan Baker had finished telling all this…so that he could ‘come over’ some afternoon to a stranger’s garden.”

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**Chapter 5**

***The Great Gatsby***

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“’Why, I thought—why, look here, old sport, you don’t make much money…’…so he went unwillingly home.”

“She turned her head as there was a light…Gatsby’s answer set us all back at least another minute.”

“Daisy went upstairs to wash her face…then I was in the oil business. But I’m not in either one now.”

“He had passed visibly through two states…he was running down like an overwound clock.”

“If it wasn’t for the mist we could see…His count of enchanted objects had diminished by one.’”

“…when the phone rang and Gatsby took up…’…if Detroit is his idea of a small town.’”

“As I went over to say goodbye I saw that the expression of bewilderment…can challenge what a man will store up in his ghostly heart.”

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**Chapter 6**

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“…when he saw Dan Cody’s yacht drop anchor over the most insidious flat…on the day that Dan Cody’s yacht dropped anchor in the shallows along shore.”

“He had been coasting…turned up as James Gatz’s destiny in Little Girl Bay.”

“To young Gatz, resting on his oars…and a week later Dan Cody inhospitably died.”

“They were a party of three on horseback…just as Gatsby with hat and light overcoat in hand came out the front door.”

“But the rest offended her…something awful in the very simplicity she failed to understand.”

“Perhaps some unbelievable guest would arrive…would blot out those five years of unwavering devotion.”

“I stayed late that night…he could find out what that thing was.”

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“’Bles-sed pre-cious,’ she crooned…he had ever really believed in its existence before.”

“Their eyes met…as someone he knew a long time ago.”

“We were all irritable now…we came in sight of the easygoing blue coupe’.”

“’I want to know what Mr. Gatsby has to tell me…’…she admitted in a pitiful voice. ‘It wouldn’t be true.’”

“’You two start on home…’…isolated ghosts even from our pity.”

“’It was a yellow car,’ he said…’We’ve come straight from New York,’ I said.”

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