

Summary Outline of "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Chapter 1

- Nick Carraway introduces himself as the narrator and describes his background.
- Tom Buchanan and Daisy Buchanan are introduced.
- Tom takes Nick to meet Myrtle Wilson.
- The chapter ends with Nick's description of Gatsby staring at a green light across the bay.

Chapter 2

- Nick describes the valley of ashes and introduces George Wilson and his wife Myrtle.
- Tom and Myrtle have an affair and Tom breaks Myrtle's nose during an argument.
- The chapter ends with Nick, Tom, Myrtle, and Myrtle's sister Catherine going to an apartment in New York City.

Chapter 3

- Gatsby throws a party at his mansion and Nick attends.
- Nick meets Jordan Baker and learns more about Gatsby's background.
- The chapter ends with Gatsby asking to speak with Jordan alone.

Chapter 4

- Gatsby takes Nick for a drive and tells him about his past.
- Gatsby shows Nick a book with notes about his plan to win back Daisy.
- The chapter ends with Gatsby offering Nick a job.

Chapter 5

- Gatsby and Daisy are reunited at Gatsby's mansion.
- Nick leaves the two alone and Gatsby gives Daisy a tour of his mansion and property.
- The chapter ends with Gatsby showing Daisy his collection of expensive shirts.

Chapter 6

- Gatsby reveals more about his past to Nick, including how he made his fortune.
- Nick learns that Gatsby wants Daisy to leave Tom and marry him instead.
- The chapter ends with Nick and Gatsby discussing their backgrounds.

Chapter 7

- Gatsby arranges for Nick, Daisy, Tom, Jordan, and himself to have lunch at his mansion.
- Tom becomes suspicious of Gatsby and Daisy's relationship.
- Gatsby tells Nick more about his relationship with Daisy in the past.
- The chapter ends with Tom and Gatsby arguing about Daisy.

Chapter 8

- Nick describes the events leading up to Gatsby's death.
- Gatsby is shot and killed by George Wilson, who believes Gatsby is responsible for Myrtle's death.
- The chapter ends with Nick unable to find anyone who will attend Gatsby's funeral.

Chapter 9

- Nick reflects on the events of the past summer and his relationships with the other characters.
- The novel ends with Nick's famous conclusion about the "fresh, green breast of the new world."