**Gatsby**

* Gatsby is a mysterious character in this novel—both to other characters and to readers who only learn about him only a bit at a time. Why is this? What contributes to the mystery?
* Nick eventually learns that Gatsby is not telling the truth about his life. How soon should a smart reader begin to suspect this? How soon can you find parts of Gatsby’s story that make you suspicious?

**Nick**

* In Chapter 3, Nick says, "Everyone suspects himself of at least one of the cardinal virtues, and this is mine: I am one of the few honest people that I have ever known." What do you think? Do you trust Nick’s narration of this story?
* What is Nick’s role in the novel? Does having the story told from his viewpoint make it more believable?

**Daisy**

* Why do you think Daisy hopes her daughter grows up to be a “beautiful little fool”? (p. 21)?
* What does Daisy’s interaction with her daughter, Pammy, reveal about her character (p. 123–124)?

**Tom**

* Early in the book, Nick is told Tom won’t marry Myrtle because Daisy is Catholic and doesn’t believe in divorce (p. 38). Nick knows this is not true because Daisy is not Catholic. Why do you think this lie is circulating? Why wouldn’t Tom really want to divorce Daisy?
* In Chapter 7, why is Tom so confident that Daisy won’t leave him for Gatsby?

**Wilson**

* Wilson explains to Michaelis what he and Myrtle were talking about before she ran out (p. 164–167). Why is this significant?
* How do you think George Wilson finds out whose car hit Myrtle?

**Myrtle**

* Why did Myrtle marry George Wilson if she didn’t love him?
* Gatsby tells Nick how Myrtle was run over: “It all happened in a minute, but it seemed to me that she wanted to speak with us, thought we were somebody she knew.” Why would Myrtle want to talk to them? Did she know who Daisy was? Did Daisy know who she was? (Keep in mind that Nick, Tom, and Jordan had stopped by the garage earlier that day driving the same yellow car.)