Response # 1

In Chapter Two, Nick accompanies Tom and Myrtle, to a party. Tom’s behavior suggests an utter disregard for Daisy. At the end of the chapter, however, the following takes place:

“Some time toward midnight Tom Buchanan and Mrs. Wilson stood face to face, discussing in impassioned voices whether Mrs. Wilson had any right to mention Daisy’s name.

‘Daisy! Daisy! Daisy!’ shouted Mrs. Wilson. ‘I’ll say it whenever I want to! Daisy! Dai—‘

Making a short deft movement, Tom Buchanan broke her nose with his open hand” (41).

Consider Tom’s actions. What could possibly have motivated the physical abuse? **As if you’re Tom**, write a journal entry recounting the night. Discuss what you thought about the party, the guests, and the hit.