

## **Fourth Grade / Novel**

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**The great Gatsby ( F. Scott Fitzgerald)**

### **Lecture 5**

## **Discussions and explanations of the most important issues in the novel**

**What do Gatsby's Parties symbolize in F. Scott Fitzgerald 's *The Great Gatsby* ?**

One of the many themes explored by F. Scott Fitzgerald in *The Great Gatsby* is wealth and its relation to society ,Gatsby his enormous mansion ,expensive cars and larger than life parties represent wealth into upper –class society .

Fitzgerald portrays the new money culture as gaudy and vulgar. Corruption is also shown at the parties , from bickering couples to cheating husbands ,Gatsby's parties are luxurious over the top , with a seemingly unlimited entertainment .

He host the parties to gain the attention of and win back his lost love Daisy ,who lives just across the river in East Egg .Though his house is filled with people ,most of the guests don't even know who is he, showing the hollowness and shallowness of the American Dream.

This concept is further expanded when no one attend Gatsby 's funeral ,so that the upper -class attended the parties for purely superficial reasons At the beginning of this chapter, Gatsby's party brings 1920s wealth and glamour into full focus, showing the upper class at its most lavishly opulent. The rich, both socialites from East Egg and their coarser counterparts from West Egg, cavort without restraint. As his depiction of the differences between East Egg and West Egg evidences, Fitzgerald is fascinated with the social hierarchy and mood of America in the 1920s, when a large group of industrialists, speculators, and businessmen with brand-new fortunes joined the old, aristocratic families at the top of the economic ladder. The "new rich" lack the refinement, manners, and taste of the "old rich" but long to break into the polite society of the East Eggers. In this scenario, Gatsby is again an enigma—though he lives in a garishly ostentatious West Egg mansion, East Eggers freely attend his parties. Despite the tensions between the two groups, the blend of East and West Egg creates a distinctly American mood. While the Americans at the party possess a rough vitality, the Englishmen there are set

off dramatically, seeming desperate and predatory, hoping to make connections that will make them rich.