The Great Gatsby Discussion Questions

Chapter One
1. What piece of advice did Nick’s father give him?
2. Where did Nick attend university?
3. In which war did Nick serve?
4. Where did Nick grow up?
5. Why does Nick go East?
6. Who finances Nick?
7. Why does he end up living alone?
8. Who is his neighbor?
9. Describe the setting.
10. Who are the first people that Nick visits?
11. Who else is reclining in the living room?
12. What can we confer about the relationship between Tom & Daisy?
13. Which book and philosophy impress Tom?
14. What does Miss Baker reveal when both Tom & Daisy leave the dinner table?
15. What does Daisy tell Nick in regard to her child?
16. What does Tom tell Nick after Daisy and Nick have a private conversation.

Chapter Two
17. Describe the billboard in the run-down town.
18. Who is Tom’s mistress? Describe her.
19. What does the husband of Tom’s mistress do for a living?
20. What does the mistress buy before they go to their apartment?
21. What is the excuse provided for why Tom won’t divorce Daisy? What can the audience infer from this?
22. What does Tom do when his mistress says Daisy’s name?

Chapter Three
23. Describe a Gatsby party.
24. Who does Nick meet when he gets an invite to Gatsby’s party?
25. What rumors float around about Gatsby?
26. Explain the scene with the drunk man in the library. Why is this an important?
27. Describe Nick’s first meeting with the ‘great’ Gatsby.
28. What nickname does Gatsby bestow upon Nick? Why?
29. What arrangement do Gatsby and Nick arrange for the morning after the party?
30. During the party, what keeps Gatsby away from his guests?
31. Who does Gatsby converse with for about an hour?

Chapter Four
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