

12th Grade Summer Book Report Assignment

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Due: First week of school

Length: 3–4 pages, double-spaced, 12pt font

Assignment: Character Analysis Report

Choose **one** major character from *The Great Gatsby* (Jay Gatsby), Daisy Buchanan, Tom Buchanan, or Nick Carraway and write an in-depth character analysis exploring the following:

 **Your report must include:**

1. Character Traits

- Identify and explain at least three major personality traits.
- Use direct quotes and scenes from the novel to support your observations.

2. Motivations & Goals

- What does your character want most?
- How do their desires drive the plot?

3. Relationships

- Discuss how this character interacts with at least two other characters.
- What do these relationships reveal about them?

4. Symbolism

- Identify any symbols (objects, places, or actions) associated with this character.
- Explain their deeper meaning.

5. Theme Connection

- How does this character help develop one of the novel's central themes (e.g., the American Dream, wealth and class, illusion vs. reality)?

Part 2 – Creative Reflection Assignment

The Great Gatsby

Due: Submitted with your Part 1 character analysis

Personal Letter from the Character

Write a **2 page letter** from the point of view of the character you analyzed in Part 1. The letter should be written **to another character** in the novel or to the **reader**. In it, the character should:

- Reflect on their choices and regrets.
- Express thoughts they never shared in the story.
- Reveal their true feelings about another character or event.
- Use language that matches the character's voice and personality.

Tip: Imagine this letter is written after the novel ends.