*The Great Gatsby*

Chapter 4

**From the Text Connections/Reflections/Questions**

“On Sunday morning while church bells rang in the villages along shore, the world and its mistress returned to Gatsby’s house and twinkled hilariously on his lawn” (61). **paradox**

“[T]hose who accepted Gatsby’s hospitality…paid him the subtle tribute of knowing nothing whatever about him” (61).

“All these people came to Gatsby’s house in the summer” (63). **syntax; character/plot development**

“…trying to forget something very sad that happened to me long ago” (66). **character; repetition**

“As we crossed Blackwell’s Island a limousine passed us, driven by a white chauffeur, in which sat three modish negroes, two bucks and a girl… ‘Anything can happen now that we’ve slid over this bridge,’ I thought; ‘anything at all…’” (69). **Race Criticism**

Gatsby has selected a car in which he will be noticed; new rich **on the opposite side, provide textual evidence to support this claim**

**What do you believe is the significance of Nick listing all the guests who had been to Gatsby’s parties that summer?**

**What conclusions might be drawn about Gatsby’s background as shared with Nick—provide textual support on the opposite side**

Facts about Meyer Wolfsheim

“Finest specimen of human molar” (72). Reader Response; Historical Criticism; reflection on Gatsby’s character

Jordan’s story about Daisy

“Perhaps because she doesn’t drink. It’s a great advantage not to drink among hard-drinking people. You can hold your tongue, and, moreover, you can time any little irregularity of your own so that everybody else is so blind that they don’t see or care” (77). **Connections to Gatsby**

“Gatsby bought that house so Daisy would be just across the bay” (78). **Reader Response**

There seems to be a motif of interest or knowledge in “fine breeding” **provide textual support for this claim on the opposite side**

**What does this reveal about character?**

Jordan assumed that Daisy was “mad” about Tom, but she may have been nervous he wasn’t being faithful

The fact that Gatsby is so intent on Daisy seeing his house indicates that he has something to prove. Maybe he wasn’t always rich?