

## *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

### Ch. 1-3, Group discussion

Partners in our group (no more than three): \_\_\_\_\_

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Meet in a group of two or THREE and focus your discussion on the following:

### **Make inferences and draw conclusions about the characters from the text.**

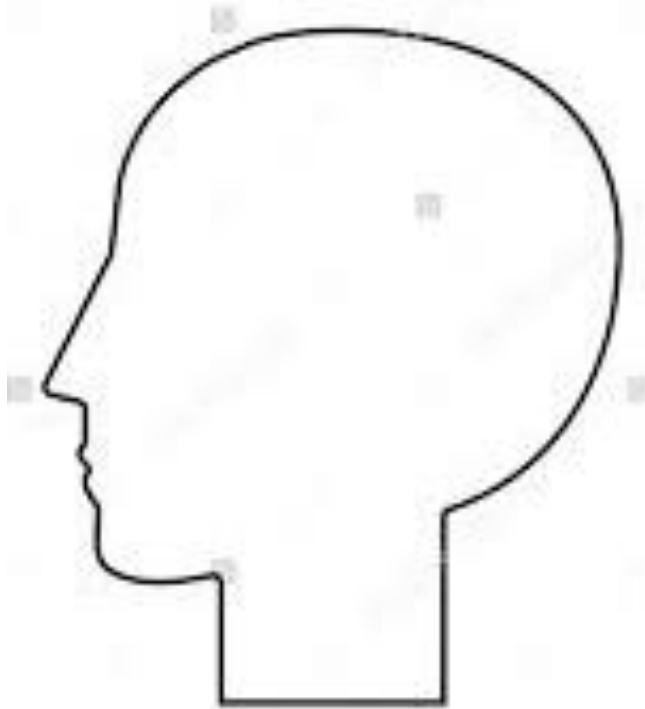
- Understand the backgrounds of the main characters—Nick, Daisy, Tom, and Myrtle—and what their backgrounds show about their places in society: What economic and social class? What attitudes? What behaviors because of these?
- Understand the relationships between the characters—what their feelings, needs, and attitudes are and why.
- Understand Nick's reaction to and impressions of Jay Gatsby, both in the beginning pages of the novel and when Nick meets Gatsby at his party. What does Nick think and feel about Gatsby?

### **Note the following:**

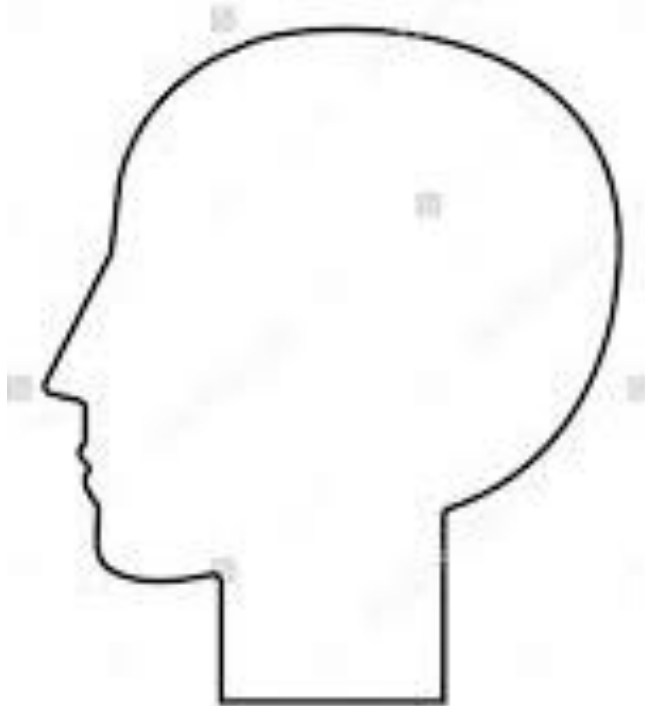
- Tom's affect on Daisy when he enters the room.
- Descriptions on pp. 12-14 that suggest the thinking and feeling of the characters.
- What does Daisy mean by what she hopes for her daughter (17)?
- Nick's first glimpse of Gatsby (20-21)—what does it show?
- Look how Myrtle changes at the apartment Tom has rented for their affair (30-37).
- Why doesn't Tom divorce Daisy and marry Myrtle (33)?
- Compare the scene in the apartment to the scene at Gatsby's party.
- How Nick meets Gatsby and his impressions of Gatsby (47-48).
- How does Gatsby's party end? Keep this in mind—it's foreshadowing.
- Pay close attention to what we learn about Nick and his claim about being honest (56-58). Is he honest?
- What does he feel about Jordan?
- What does the metaphor about careless drivers mean in relation to their relationship?

COMPLETE THE CHARACTER CHARTS FROM YOUR READING AND NOTES:

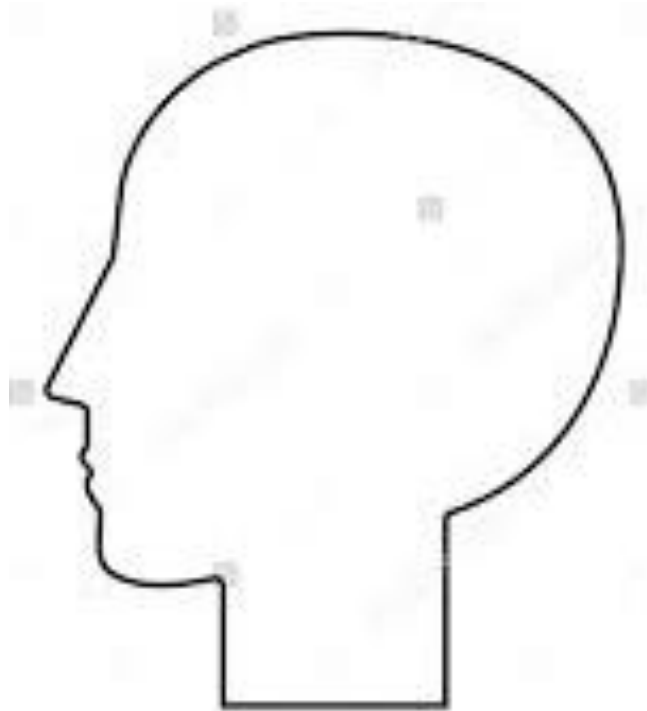
**TOM BUCHANAN**



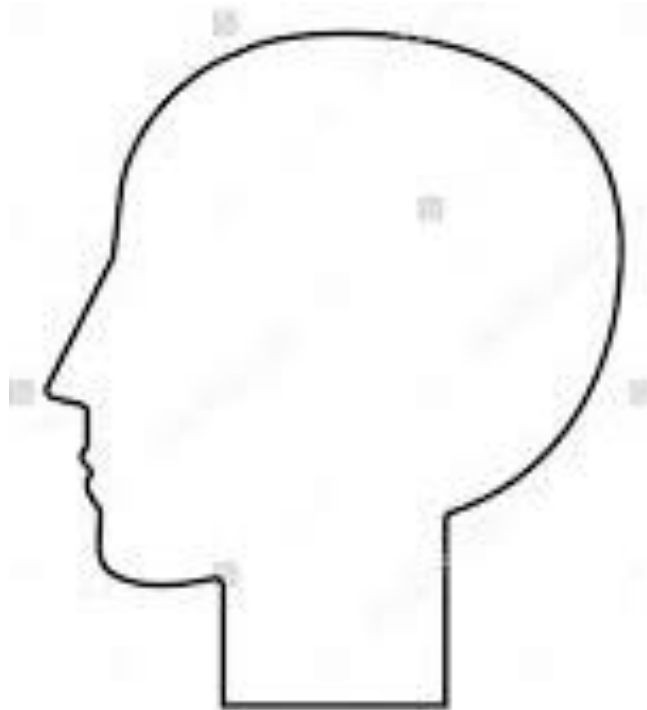
**DAISY BUCHANAN**



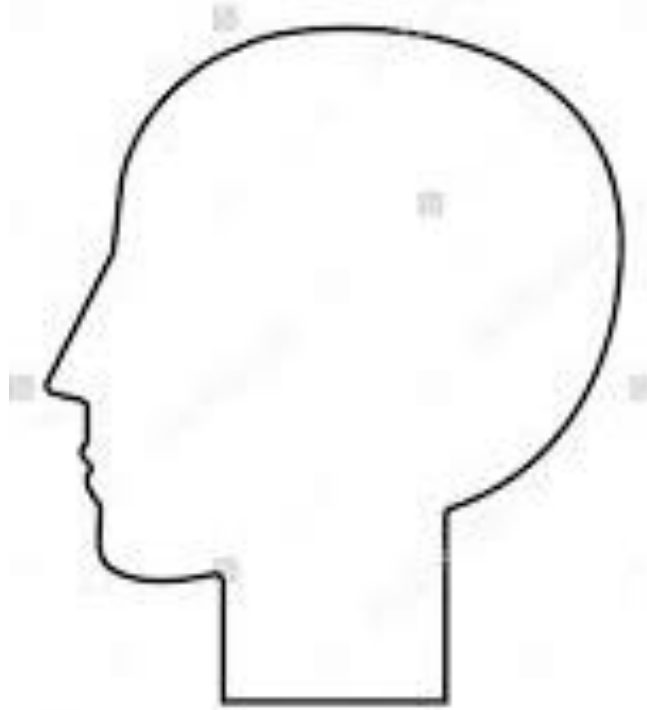
**NICK CALLOWAY**



**JORDAN BAKER**



**MYRTLE WILSON**



**GEORGE WILSON**

