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**Research Paper Outline**

Research Question: Discuss the following quote by Voltaire (with reference to the novel): “Don't think money does everything or you are going to end up doing everything for money.”

Introduction:

French philosopher Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet) argues that “Don’t think money does everything or you are going to end up doing everything for money.”. In the novel The Great Gatsby, the writer F. Scott Fitzgerald portrays that money is the main theme of the book and a goal or dream for characters in the book. It is has a huge effect on characters’ relationships and motivations. In the book, most of the characters show themselves to be materialistic, their biggest desire is money and fame. I agree with the idea that money doesn’t do everything but it has a huge influence in real life on almost everything and some people are doing everything for money, some of them use it as a tool. People do most of the work but with money they do it in a way easier and faster, so money is like an enzyme and human body is the world.

**Body 1:**

**The first main idea/topic sentence:**

It can be said that money doesn’t do everything but it is an advantage in life.

**Supporting idea:**

First of all, money doesn’t do everything but it is an advantage.

**Supporting citation:**

“In the opening pages, [Nick](https://blog.prepscholar.com/nick-carraway-great-gatsby-character-analysis-quotes)**establishes himself as someone who has had many advantages in life—**a wealthy family and an Ivy League education to name just two. Despite not being as wealthy as Tom and Daisy, his second cousin, they see him as enough of a peer to invite him to their home in [Chapter 1](https://blog.prepscholar.com/the-great-gatsby-chapter-1-summary). Nick's connection to Daisy in turn makes him attractive to Gatsby. If Nick were just a middle-class everyman, the story could not play out in the same way.” (Wulick, 2020)

**Evidence:**

“‘Whenever you feel like criticizing any one,’ he told me, ‘just remember that all the people in this world haven’t had the advantages that you’ve had.” (Fitzgerald, 2017, p.5)

**Supporting idea:**

Most of the people think the main reason of success and happiness is having a a lot of money, they think money can solve their problems, but it is not.

**Supporting citation:**

“When it comes to balancing life goals and finances, it’s easy for people to place more importance on money than it is worth. A lot of people think that money will solve all of their problems, and that it’s the key to success. However, this line of thought is dangerous – when you believe that money is the solution, then everything that you do will be in pursuit of money, when the effort would be better spent in pursuit of your passions, the people you love, and the values that drive you. In other words, be wary of putting the cart before the horse.”(Wei, 2015)

**Evidence:**

“Well, she was less than an hour old and Tom was God knows where. I woke up out of the ether with an utterly abandoned feeling and asked the nurse right away if it was a boy or a girl. She told me it was a girl, and so I turned my head away and wept. ‘All right,’ I said, ‘I’m glad it’s a girl. And I hope she’ll be a fool—that’s the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool.’”(Fitzgerald, 2017, p.19)

**Concluding sentence:**

In conclusion, it can be said that money gives you very huge advantages in real life and it can make your goals easier to reach but it doesn’t do everything for you. You can buy people with your money but you can’t buy their trust, love and happiness.

**Body 2:**

**The second main idea/topic sentence:**

It can be argued that money is not the final goal for some people but it is a medium to reach to a goal, satisfaction and love (especially for this book).

**Supporting idea:**

Firstly, money is the best thing in the world for materialist persons.

**Supporting citation:**

“In The Great Gatsby, **money is a huge motivator in the characters' relationships, motivations, and outcomes.** Most of the characters reveal themselves to be highly materialistic, their motivations driven by their desire for money and things: Daisy marries and stays with Tom because of the lifestyle he can provide her” (Wulick, 2020)

**Evidence:**

‘Her voice is full of money,’ he said suddenly. That was it. I had never understood before. It was full of money—that was the inexhaustible charm that rose and fell in it, the jingle of it, the cymbals’ song of it…. High in a white palace the king’s daughter, the golden girl…. (Fitzgerald, 2017, p.107)

**Supporting idea:**

Secondly, money is a medium for some people, not the final goal.

**Supporting citation:**

“Money creates an illusion of Gatsby’s mind because he follows the dream to win his lover Daisy again. It plays as if Gatsby wants to live in the future and the past at the same time, and what it makes it worse is that he relies on his illegal money. It is an incredible hope for Gatsby. Money is not the final goal for him, yet it is a tool to accomplish his dream.”(Yassine, 2018)

**Evidence:**

“It excited him, too, that many men had already loved Daisy ---it increased her value in his eyes.”(Fitzgerald, 2017, p.131)

**Concluding sentence:**

In brief explanation, some people end up doing everything for money and for some people money is just a medium to reach their real goal.

**Conclusion:**

Takin everything into consideration, Voltaire was partly right about his quote that “Don't think money does everything or you are going to end up doing everything for money.”. I agree that money doesn’t do everything but somethings. It has a value, a meaning for all the people. No one can say that: “I don’t care about money, it’s just a piece of paper.”. Money has its place in humanity for ages. Also, some people are doing everything for money till they die although they are not thinking about it as quote said but some of them uses money as a medium to reach their real goal. In my opinion, if we discuss this quote in conjuction with the book we can say that this quote is partly right.

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