

# Great Gatsby

## Definitions

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- feigned
- supercilious
- fractious
- pungent
- poignant
- conscientious
- corpulent
- innuendo
- vehemently
- credulity
- homogeneity
- staid
- impetuously
- vacuous
- florid
- malevolence
- glass of corky
- extemporizing
- settee
- deft
- uninflected
- transcendent
- tanked up
- anaemic
- gyped
- kike
- harlequin
- prodigality
- caterwauling
- bootlegger

- punctilious
- ineffable
- shirtwaist
- expostulation
- pavilion
- redolent
- pasquinade
- orgastic

## History & Geography to know before reading...

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- when was the US civil war?
- when was world war one (WWI)?
- who was Kaiser Wilhelm?
- what year did the 19th amendment pass in the US house and senate? was it only for White women? when could all women vote?
- the magazine "Town Topics" was a New York gossip magazine, much like the National Inquirer (sensational headlines, scandalous content)
- where is Monte Carlo and what is it known for?
- who is Joe Frisco? what is vaudeville
- who is Gilda Gray? what are the Follies?
- who is David Belasco?
- who is Paul Von Hindenburg? who is Hitler?
- what year did the 18th amendment take effect? the 21st amendment?
- where is the Argonne Forest (Forest of Argonne)?
- what is Castle Rackrent?
- where is the Barbary Coast?

## Questions:

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- who was Maecenas? why do people refer to him?
- is West Egg a real town?: new money; North Shore of Long Island; East Egg, old money
- was "The Rise of the Coloured Empires" a real book (The Rising Tide of Color, 1920/Lothrop Stoddard)
- who was Hopalong Cassidy?

## Characters

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- Nick Carraway
- Tom Buchanan
- Daisy Buchanan
- Daisy/Tom's daughter
- Miss Baker; Jordan Baker
- Jay Gatsby
- Demaine
- Dr. T. J. Eckleberg
- George Wilson
- Ms Myrtle Wilson
- Mr Chester McKee
- Ms Lucille McKee
- Catherine, Myrtle's sister
- Sigourney Howard
- the Finn
- Ewing Klipspringer
- James Gatz
- Dan Cody
- Elle Kaye
- Mr Sloane
- Pammy
- Bill Biloxi
- Meyer Wolfsheimer
- Walter Chase
- Mavro Michaelis