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Chapter 2 Review

The Great Gatsby

1. **Re-read the description, at the start of chapter 2, of the Valley of Ashes. What is symbolic about it and the eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg?** The eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg represent the all-seeing eye of God and observing American society. The eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg are on a billboard watching over the Valley of Ashes.
2. **Evaluate Myrtle’s talk of her unhappy marriage. What does she seem to be trying to justify?**

Myrtle talks about how her marriage has no hope and she says it was a mistake to marry a poor man. She justifies this by cheating on him and having an affair.

1. **How is Mr. McKee described? (How does he know Myrtle & Tom)?**

Mr. McKee is a photographer and is described as a pale and feminine man. Mr. McKee knows Myrtle and Tom because Mr. McKee is a neighbor of Tom’s and Myrtle’s apartment.

1. **How is Catherine described? (How does she know Myrtle & Tom)?**

Catherine is described as Myrtle’s sister, and she is around thirty years old. Furthermore, she has bright red hair and a lot of makeup on her pale face. Catherine knows Tom and Myrtle because Catherine is related to Myrtle.

1. **What does Catherine reveal about Daisy and Tom?**

Catherine reveals that Daisy is a Catholic and doesn’t believe in a divorce. This is the reason why Daisy and Tom hasn’t split up yet and the reason that is holding Tom back from marrying Myrtle.

1. **How does Myrtle explain her marriage to George?**

Myrtle explains to George that her marriage is hopeless. Myrtle thought that George was a wealthy “gentleman.” Myrtle explains that she wants a man who gives her what she wants.

1. **Explain Tom’s actions toward Myrtle at the end of the chapter.**

At the end of the chapter, Tom punches Myrtle in the face and breaks her nose. Myrtle gets attacked after repeatedly shouting Daisy’s name.