

# The Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald

## Why does the green light lose its 'colossal significance' when Daisy is beside Gatsby?

### TOTAL TIME

### PASSAGE

|            |                                   |
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| 30 minutes | The green light loses enchantment |
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### FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

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| SECTION / LOCATION | Chapter V                                                                   |
| START              | You always have a green light that burns all night at the end of your dock. |
| END                | His count of enchanted objects had diminished by one.                       |
| PASSAGE ID         | sec-gatsby-01                                                               |

### THE MOVE

Track a symbol changing after desire becomes present

### WHY THIS PASSAGE

The green light has represented distance and possibility while Daisy is absent. Once Daisy is physically beside Gatsby, the light becomes only a light again; desire loses one of the objects that distance had enchanted.

### MARK

Underline Gatsby's earlier association with the green light. Circle the moment Daisy's presence changes its significance. Star the line describing the loss of enchantment.

## NOTICE

- What did distance allow Gatsby to imagine about the light?
- What changes when the desired person is physically present?
- Why can achieving proximity reduce rather than increase a symbol's power?

## THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does the green light lose its 'colossal significance' when Daisy is beside Gatsby? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

## WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does the green light lose its 'colossal significance' when Daisy is beside Gatsby? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

## CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

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| <b>STRONG ANSWER</b> | The green light loses significance because distance had allowed Gatsby to load it with possibility. With Daisy physically present, the symbol no longer has to stand in for the desired future and becomes closer to an ordinary light. |
| <b>EVIDENCE</b>      | Use the prior symbolic importance of the green light and the narrator's description of its diminished meaning once Daisy is beside Gatsby.                                                                                              |
| <b>WATCH FOR</b>     | Do not say Gatsby stops caring about Daisy. The symbol changes because desire moves from distance into presence.                                                                                                                        |
| <b>SOLO</b>          | Read the exact passage independently.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SUPPORTED</b>     | Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>LISTENING</b>     | Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.                                                                                                                                           |

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### OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline Gatsby's earlier association with the green light. Circle the moment Daisy's presence changes its significance.

Star the line describing the loss of enchantment.

2. NOTICE - What did distance allow Gatsby to imagine about the light? What changes when the desired person is physically present? Why can achieving proximity reduce rather than increase a symbol's power?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does the green light lose its 'colossal significance' when Daisy is beside Gatsby?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.