Chapter 1 and 2

1. After reading Chapter one and two select a quotation from the text that connects to the theme of the novel so far.

2. Creative Show and Tell - find an artifact (image, object etc.) that connects to the text. Be prepared to explain how this artifact connects to the text. Try not to choose something literal and obvious (such as a green light) and instead focus on something symbolic. Explain your own justification from the text of how this image or item relates.

The Great Gatsby: Chapter One Critical Thinking Questions

- Please complete the following critical thinking questions. Use direct quotations from the novel to add depth to your answers.

1. From where did the narrator (Nick Carraway) come and why? How does the narrator describe himself at the beginning of the book? Why is he telling his story? Why do you think Fitzgerald selected this character as the narrator of the novel?

2. Describe the Nick Carraway’s house in West Egg. Describe the Buchanans’ house in East Egg in comparison. What is the significance of these contrasting descriptions?


4. Describe Tom Buchanan’s character. What is your impression of him after reading chapter one? What kind of character is he? Discuss.


6. What type of relationship does Nick have with the Buchanans?

7. Who is Jordan Baker? What does Nick find appealing about her?

8. When asked about her daughter, what does Daisy say? Why does she say this? Include the quotation, and examine it thoughtfully.

9. Why does Daisy speak in such exaggerated phrases? Why does Nick feel that she is intentionally trying to be a cynic (believes the worst about people/life)?

10. How is Gatsby introduced into the novel? What is he doing when Nick first sees him? Why is he doing this? Why is this significant? What does it reveal about Gatsby?
**ENG2DB Chapter #2 Analysis for *The Great Gatsby***

**Symbolism**: When an object or action holds a deeper meaning within the context of a piece of literature.

**Two** important **symbols** in the novel are introduced in chapter #2. For each symbol, provide a description from the novel (direct quotation) and also predict its symbolic meaning in the text.

**Symbol #1**: The Valley of Ashes

Description of the Symbol: ___________________________________________________________

Explanation of the Symbol: ____________________________________________________________________________

**Symbol #2**: The Eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg

Description of the Symbol: ___________________________________________________________

Explanation of the Symbol: ____________________________________________________________________________

**Symbol #3**: The Green Light

Description of the Symbol: ___________________________________________________________

Explanation of the Symbol: ____________________________________________________________________________

**Characterization**: The means by which authors reveal a character to readers.

- In a minimum of 6 sentences, explain how Myrtle Wilson is characterized in chapter #2. Consider her physical description, what she does, what she says, how she behaves, how she interacts with Tom and other characters, and the observations that Nick (the narrator) makes about her.