

THE GREAT GATSBY, CH. 3



1. Nick describes the people who attend Gatsby's parties and says "that once there, the guests conducted themselves according to the rules of behavior associated with amusement parks." Given this, what can you conclude is Nick's opinion of Gatsby's party guests?

2. Why does Jordan want to leave the group from East Egg? Why does Nick want to leave the group?

3. Who is Owl-Eyes? What surprises him about Gatsby's library? Why would this impress him?

4. What unexpected common bond do Gatsby and Nick share?

5. Nick says, "I was looking at an elegant young roughneck...whose elaborate formality of speech just missed being absurd. Some time before he introduced himself I'd got a strong impression that he was picking his words with care." What is Fitzgerald trying to convey here about Gatsby? How should we feel about Gatsby here?

6. Why do you suppose that Jordan does not believe Gatsby when he says that he had attended Oxford College in England?

7. In what ways is Gatsby's behavior at his party quite unlike the behavior of most of his guests?

8. Toward the end of the party, we have the unflattering description of husbands and wives and also the drunk who has crashed his car. What is Fitzgerald's deeper message to us here?

9. Jordan declares to Nick that she "hates careless people." Explain the irony here.