



Collection 6: The Modern World

***The Great Gatsby* Unit Final: PROCESS ESSAY**

UNIT GOAL: Write an essay that examines F. Scott Fitzgerald's use of symbolism and archetypes in his novel *The Great Gatsby* to emphasize Modernist features in themes and aesthetic styles.

OPTION A: What does Gatsby's demise reveal about the American Dream? Write an essay that identifies a modernist theme of disillusion with the promises of American Dream in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Describe the narrator's tone and mood and explain how the author uses **archetypes** and **symbols** to convey its theme and philosophical message. Provide clear and accurate examples by citing specific evidence from the text and analyze by using insightful commentary and criticism.

OPTION B: What makes this novel an example of MODERNISM? Write an essay that describes the historical context and defining features of American Modernism and shows how F. Scott Fitzgerald and his work are part of the Modernist literary tradition by exploring one or all of the following MODERNIST features in *The Great Gatsby*:

1. Subversion
2. Alienation
3. Antihero

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OPTION C: F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel focuses on the male characters, but he has several clearly delineated archetypal female characters as well, each with her own desires, motivations, and needs. Write an essay comparing and contrasting Daisy Buchanan, Myrtle Wilson, and Jordan Baker. What feminine archetypes does each represent? To what extent do these characters in the novel present a critique of American systems of patriarchy? Provide clear and accurate examples and evidence from the text and analyze by using insightful commentary and criticism.

Use the following checklist to guide and organize your writing and ideas:

- ✓ Introduction announces subject, provides necessary background and includes a **clear thesis statement and controlling idea**.
- ✓ Organize central topics/ideas in logically structured body paragraphs that clearly develop and defend the thesis statement.
- ✓ Explicitly apply **academic terms** and **fluid transitions** to create cohesion between sections of the essay to clarify relationships among ideas.
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