

English 3
The Great Gatsby
Chapter 1 Study Questions

1. How would you characterize the narrator at the beginning? Why doesn't he give us his name until well into the novel?
2. What is our first impression of Gatsby?
3. Why does Nick move East?
4. East Egg vs. West Egg: what are the differences? Why is this significant? Why are they called "eggs"?
5. How does Nick describe Tom and Daisy Buchanan? How does Nick describe their house? How does Nick describe their house guest Jordan Baker?
6. Dinner: what happens? Daisy's finger, Tom's phone call, Daisy's daughter—why are these significant?
How does the dinner end?
7. What is our impression of Gatsby at the end of this chapter? What is the significance of the green light?