



## Theme Analysis Worksheet

### The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**Purpose:** This worksheet helps you analyze and understand the major themes of The Great Gatsby. By identifying themes, finding supporting evidence, and connecting them to characters, you will gain a deeper understanding of the story's messages about ambition, love, wealth, and social class.

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### Section 1: Identifying Major Themes

Theme	What the Theme Means in the Novel
<b>The American Dream</b>	Explores how the pursuit of wealth and success may not lead to true happiness.
<b>Love and Obsession</b>	Shows how romantic dreams can become unrealistic or destructive.
<b>Social Class</b>	Highlights the divide between old money, new money, and working-class characters.
<b>Illusion vs Reality</b>	Characters often believe in dreams or appearances rather than facing reality.

## Section 2: Theme Evidence from the Story

Theme	Example from the Novel	Explanation
<b>The American Dream</b>	Gatsby's rise to wealth	Gatsby believes money will help him win Daisy and recreate the past.
<b>Social Class</b>	East Egg vs West Egg	The difference shows the divide between inherited wealth and newly earned wealth.
<b>Love and Obsession</b>	Gatsby's devotion to Daisy	His love is tied to an idealized dream rather than the real person.

## Section 3: Character Connection to Themes

Character	Theme They Represent	Explanation
<b>Jay Gatsby</b>	The American Dream	Gatsby represents ambition and the desire to achieve success and love.
<b>Daisy Buchanan</b>	Illusion vs Reality	She represents beauty and wealth but lacks emotional stability.
<b>Tom Buchanan</b>	Social Power	He represents inherited wealth and social dominance.
<b>Nick Carraway</b>	Moral Reflection	Nick observes the consequences of wealth and ambition.

## Section 4: Theme Reflection Questions

**What does the novel suggest about the American Dream?**

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**How do wealth and social status influence the characters?**

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**Why is Gatsby unable to achieve his dream completely?**

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**What lesson does the novel teach about dreams and reality?**

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## **Section 5: Personal Reflection**

**In your opinion, which theme is the most important in the novel and why?**

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