

## *THE GREAT GATSBY* FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE PARAGRAPH

### **Abstract:**

The language in *The Great Gatsby* is one of the things that make the novel so amazing! Fitzgerald uses a wide variety of techniques to make his writing vivid, engaging, and memorable. Many of these techniques involve using figurative language, which is a general term that includes any language that is not meant to be taken literally.

For this assignment, you will select passages from *The Great Gatsby* that contain figurative language and explain how that language enhances the text.

### **Prompt:**

Write a single, thorough, and well-crafted paragraph in which you explain how figurative language enhances the text by helping to set the mood of an event or setting, revealing a character's traits or motivations, and/or engaging the reader.

### **Guidelines:**

- This paragraph should
  - Use correct MLA format and should contain proper parenthetical citations.
    - This paragraph should not include a works cited page.
  - Contain a single claim that explains how figurative language enhances a specific part of the novel.
  - Contain **three** pieces of textual evidence that have been thoroughly analyzed to explain how they support the claim.
  - Contain a conclusion that ties your ideas together and brings the paragraph to a close.
  - Use the following format:
    - Claim->Evidence->Reasoning->Evidence->Reasoning->Evidence->Reasoning->Conclusion

### **Suggestions:**

While you are free to focus your paragraph on anything regarding figurative language in *The Great Gatsby*, here are some suggestions for a focus:

- Pick a setting: Select any setting from the book and explain how figurative language enhances its description and sets the mood.
  - Possible settings: Buchanan's mansion, Valley of Ashes (Georges Garage), Tom and Myrtle's apartment, Nick's house, Gatsby's mansion, Manhattan
- Pick an event: Select a major event from the novel and explain how the figurative language enhances the text by vividly depicting action or revealing the attitudes and opinions of the narrator or other characters.
  - Possible events: Nick meets Jordan and Daisy, The Buchanan's dinner party, Tom buys Myrtle a dog, Tom and Myrtle's party, Gatsby's party, Nick meeting Gatsby, Owl Eyes wrecks his car, Gatsby drives Nick to lunch, Nick eats lunch with Wolfsheim, and more!

**Deadline:** This paragraph is due by Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>.