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**The Great Gatsby: Chapter 2**

Focus Question: What is the American Dream? How and why has it changed in the course of American history?

Aim: Prepare to read chapter 2 of the novel; read chapter 2 and examine how Fitzgerald introduces characters, as well as settings and conflicts; examine Fitzgerald’s use of figurative language and how it works to achieve his purpose

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**Do Now**

Today we continue our reading of the novel The Great Gatsby. The text is on the class website (norwinenglish11.weebly.com) so if you are absent, or fall behind, you can keep up with the readings outside of class. As we read, be sure to take notes on the notes sheet, as it well be a big help to you in both understanding what you are reading and our discussions of the chapters.

Do you believe people who just meet can be instant friends or foes? Should we judge people based on who that person was 10 years ago? Do people change values and morals as they age?

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Comedian George Carlin said “it is called the American Dream because you have to be asleep to believe it.” This cynical view of the “American Dream” is shared by many. Is it an appropriate response to people’s lack of financial or social successes? Or is the “American Dream” a scapegoat for people’s poor decisions and consequences of those decisions?

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**Homework:**  If you do not finish chapter two by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it will be homework.

CHAPTER 2 NOTES:

Myrtle Wilson:

George Wilson:

Valley of Ashes:

Eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg:

Tom Buchanan:

Setting:

Party at the NY Appt (contrast to dinner party in chapter 1?)

Nick Carroway:

What do we learn about Gatsby?

The McKees & Catherine

Why did Fitzgerald include the gift of a dog in this chapter?

At beginning of chapter 1, Nick stated he is “privy to secret griefs of wild, unknown men.” How is this shown in chapter 2?