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**The Great Gatsby: Chapter 6**

Focus Question: Is it possible to totally reinvent yourself?

Aim: Prepare to read chapter 6 of the novel; read chapter 6 and examine how Fitzgerald develops characters, as well as settings and conflicts; examine Fitzgerald’s use of figurative language and it works to achieve his purpose.

**Do Now**

Today we continue reading of the novel The Great Gatsby. Reminder: the book can be found on the class website and online. As we read, be sure to take notes, as it will be a big help to you in both the understanding of the novel and our discussions of the chapter.

Why do people feel the need to reinvent themselves? How far should we go to reinvent ourselves? Why? If we know someone is not being true to who he/she is, should we step in?

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Henry Rollins said, “I believe that one defines oneself by reinvention. To not be like your parents. To not be like your friends. To be yourself. To cut yourself out of stone.” Do you agree with him? Why? What are good ways to reinvent oneself? Is reinventing oneself the same as turning away from friends and family? Knowing what you know of the novel at this time, how does this quote tie in to the characters and their actions?

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**Homework:** If you do not finish reading Chapter six by the end of the period on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it will be homework.

CHAPTER 6 NOTES

More Gatsby Stories

Will the REAL James Gatz please stand

First interaction between Tom/Gatsby

Compare this party with the others: what is different? Why?

“The Polo Player”

Reactions to the party: Tom and Daisy

Gatsby’s reaction to the party

What is the significance of ending chapter 6 with a flashback?

Did Gatsby truly reinvent himself?