

Choose one of the five prompt options to write your literary analysis essay for The Great Gatsby.

Option 1: Choose 1-3 symbols used by F. Scott Fitzgerald conveyed in the novel. What is the author's purpose for the usage of these symbols?

Option 2: Explain how F. Scott Fitzgerald uses three of the following minor characters--Owl Eyes, Mr. Wolfshiem, Klipspringer, Pammy, Michaelis, and/or George Wilson--in the novel. What does each character add to the story?

Option 3: How does Nick Carraway change throughout the course of the novel?

Option 4: Explain and analyze the complexities of Gatsby's death by implementing diction, biblical allusions, and the motif of time to reinforce the corruption of the American Dream.

Option 5: How does Fitzgerald use the different characters, settings, and/or situation as a portrayal of the 1920's to mirror disillusionment of the time period?

Paper Format

- Typed
- Times New Roman, 12pt Font
- Double Spaced
- 1 inch margins
- Write in 3rd person (No I's, me's, mine, you, your, we, our, etc)
- No citations are necessary

Due Dates

2/21 Thursday- Outline Due

2/25 Monday-Rough Draft Due

2/27 Wednesday-Final Draft Due

Outline

I. Introduction

A. Introduce the novel and the author, background information on your topic

B. Position Statement:

Example: Nick Carraway clearly changes in the beginning, middle, and end of the novel shown through his actions and statements.

II. Body Paragraph 1--Support for your position--Topic Sentence

A. Evidence # 1 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

B. Evidence #2 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

III. Body Paragraph 2--Support for your position--Topic Sentence

(If you agree or disagree, this is your concession)

A. Evidence # 1 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

B. Evidence #2 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

IV. Body Paragraph 3--Support for your position--Topic Sentence

(If you agree or disagree, this is your rebuttal).

A. Evidence # 1 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

B. Evidence #2 _____

1. Explain how it supports your position

V. Conclusion

A. Call to Action or Challenge

Given the information, how can you call the reader to take action or challenge the reader based on what you proved?
