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*The Great Gatsby* Chapter 5 Close Reading Activity

**Instructions:** Use your critical reading skills to answer the following questions:

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| 1. Briefly summarize what happened at the end of Chapter 4 between Nick and Jordan. |
| 1. Quote **two** instances in which Fitzgerald mentions the weather. What mood does this weather indicate? |
| 1. How does the following quotation characterize Gatsby? “We both looked at the grass—there was a sharp line where my ragged lawn ended and the darker, well-kept expanse of his began” (82). |
| 1. Analyze the “defunct mantelpiece clock” (86). What might this clock **symbolize**? Use a DQ to support your answer. |
| 1. Discuss the irony in the following quotation:   “’You always have a green light that burns all night at the end of your dock’ [Gatsby said]. Daisy put her arm through his abruptly, but he seemed absorbed in what he had just said. Possibly it had occurred to him that the colossal significance of that light had now vanished forever. Compared to the great distance that had separated him from Daisy it had seemed very near to her, almost touching her. Now it was again a green light on a dock. His count of enchanted objects had diminished by one.” (92-93). |
| 1. What does Fitzgerald mean when he writes “No amount of fire or freshness can challenge what a man will store up in his ghostly heart” (96)? |
| 1. Based on this chapter, what is your personal opinion of Jay Gatsby? Use two DDs to support your answer. **Remember to come to your own conclusions about this complex character**. |