

# Chapter 1 - Colorful Characters

\* = what you must answer

**Directions:** Skim each page of chapter one to take notes on the main characters.

(page numbers are for two different editions of the book: white & blue cover/white & blue with yellow stripe)

## Mr. Nick Carraway



\* **Chapter One** - his father's advice to him:

**p. 2/6** - what he boasts [brags] he is:  
**Tolerant**  
where he came back from:

**The East**

\* when he came back:

**p. 3/7** - area his family is from:

**a middle-western city**

how wealthy they are:

**well-to-do**

\* college, where & when:

how he felt when he got back from the war:

**Restless**

\* What business he came back East for:

**p. 3-4/8** \* - how much rent for his "bungalow" costs:

\* who Nick stays with:

kind of books he bought:

**banking, investments, and securities**

**p. 4/9** - where he lives (rents):

**a Community east of New York City**

how much to rent neighboring homes: \$

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**p. 5/10** - reason why Nick goes to Tom's house:

\* how Nick knows Daisy:

**p. 14/19** - how Daisy describes him:  
**an absolute rose**

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**p. 18/23** - who Daisy wants to set him up with:

**p. 19/24** - rumor Daisy and Tom heard about him:

**That he was engaged**

what the truth is:

**She was just a friend and he didn't want to be pressured into marrying her.**

**p. 20/24-25** \* how Nick feels when he leaves the dinner party and evening at the Buchanans:

**p. 20/25** \* - where Nick lives:

\* what he sees, fifty feet away, in the dark:

**p. 21/26** \* What color is the light that Nick sees, and where is it?

**Chapter One:** pronoun Nick uses to refer to himself: **"I"**

Therefore, what is Nick in the book? (literary term)

**The narrator**

## Mrs. Daisy Buchanan

1925



\* p. 8/12 - color of Daisy's dress:

p. 8-9/13 - how Daisy looks at Nick, as if ... :

promising there's no one else she would rather see.

\* rumor Nick heard about why Daisy "murmurs":

p. 9/13-14 - Daisy's voice:

p. 10/14 - Daisy's child:

p. 11-12/16 - Daisy's little finger:

p. 16/21 - why her cousin Nick wasn't at her wedding:

He wasn't back from the war

how Daisy describes herself:

Cynical

p. 17/21 - what Daisy hopes for her daughter:

p. 17/22 - how Daisy describes herself:

Sophisticated

p. 19/23-24 - where she grew up and who she grew up with:

Louisville, KY with Jordan Baker

p. 20/25 - Nick thinks Daisy should do this:

## Mr. Tom Buchanan

p. 5-6/10 - what Nick says about Tom:

He knew him in college as a football star

p. 7/11 - what Nick says Tom is like now:



p. 12/16 - doesn't like Daisy to describe him this way:

p. 12-13/17 - Tom's problem with civilization/society nowadays:

It's falling to pieces!

p. 15/19 - gossip about Tom that Jordan tells Nick:

p. 15/20 - interrupted their dinner:

## Miss Jordan Baker

p. 10/14 - her reason for turning down cocktails [alcoholic drink]:

She's in training

p. 11/15 - her eyes:

1927

her expression:  
Wan, charming

p. 18/23 - what Jordan has to do tomorrow:

play in a tournament



what kind of a story Nick heard about her (but can't quite remember):

Something unpleasant

p. 19/23-24 - where she grew up and who she grew up with:



## Jay Gatsby

p. 2/6 - Nick describes Gatsby as:

- having some heightened sensitivity to the promises of life
- gorgeous
- exempt from Nick's scorn

p. 2/6 \* - Nick says Gatsby had a gift for:

\* How Nick says Gatsby turned out at the end:

p. 2/6-7 - What hurt Gatsby:  
Some foul dust was floating in the wake of his dreams

p. 5/9 - about Gatsby's house:

Colossal mansion

p. 20-21/25 \* what he is doing and how he is described:

\* Close read:  
poem on inside title page - color?

\* dedication - to whom?

page 4-5/9 - drawing (map) Optional

notes

EAST EGG IS ...

\_\_\_\_\_ Money

WEST EGG IS ...

\_\_\_\_\_ Money

