

***The Great Gatsby* Character Book – PB English 10 Summer Homework**

The PB English 10 summer homework includes two components: 1. Read F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby* with a focus on characterization and 2. Create a character scrapbook.

You will create a character scrapbook that includes a cover, a timeline, and an assignment for each of the nine chapters of the novel. For each chapter in the novel you will complete an assignment and turn it into a page in the character's book. Because there are nine chapters, some items will be repeated – **but you may only repeat an assignment once**. Each chapter page should take approximately half an hour to complete (not including reading time).

The required elements:

Cover: Create a graphic that includes a picture of your character and/or symbols that represent your character. On the back of the cover, give a one paragraph written explanation of how you chose to represent him/her.

Time Line: Identify major or significant events in the novel that **affect your character**. It should also include any events you find out about the person's past. The timeline is the last page of the book.

Chapter Assignment Choices:

1. Open Mind: Using the template on the back of these directions, fill in the "open mind" using quotes and illustration that indicate ideas the character is thinking/responding to in the chapter. You may draw your own open mind figure if this one does not fit on your character book pages. Explain the significance of the quotes and images you have selected in one analytical paragraph (you can glue it to the back of the page).

2. Diary Entries: Writing *as your character*, explain or describe events and emotions expressed in a particular chapter. The diary can be typed or handwritten (like a diary page). The entry for a chapter should be about 200 words in length – certainly no longer than one page. Each entry should include a BRIEF summary of the chapter from your character's perspective, and a much longer *discussion* of the events that happened...Stay in character and tell us what s/he is thinking and feeling.

3. Graphic Response: You are to identify an important quote from the chapter, explain the significance of the quote in one analytical paragraph, and then draw an illustration related to the quote.

4. Letter: Based on issues or events affecting your character, write a letter from his or her perspective to the audience or another character to express frustration, reaction or ideas regarding something that has happened or that you expect to happen. The letter can be typed or handwritten (like a letter) and should be about 200 words in length – certainly no longer than one page.

5. Missing scene: Write a scene in Fitzgerald's style that would fit within the chapter and that includes your character, i.e. a phone conversation, an action that is not shown, etc. The scene must include dialogue. The scene should about 200 words in length – certainly no longer than one page. In a short paragraph describe what your missing scene adds to the plot or the character and tell whether it contributes to rising action, climax, resolution, or denouement.

6. Character Bio-Poem: Write a poem from the point of view of your character's experiences in the chapter. You can look up bio-poem templates online or use an original poem format of your own.

Note: Even if your character does not appear in a chapter or have a big part, you still need to complete an assignment for him/her based on what they would be doing during that time and/or what he or she thinks of the actions of the other characters.

The Grading: You are expected to turn in polished, thoughtful responses and artwork. To earn a 4 (outstanding/exemplary) on this project, your work will demonstrate a firm understanding of the events and characters in the text, will be neat and thoughtful in response to the prompts, and will demonstrate an earnest effort to produce quality product.

Questions? If you have questions you may contact Ms. McAnally (jeni.mcanally@vansd.org). Allow 24-48 hours for a response during summer hours.

