American Literature

*The Great Gatsby* – Chapter 2 & Board Talk Prep

1. What is Nick’s role in the chapter? Be specific. Find text to back up your ideas. How does it relate to what we learned about him in the last chapter?
2. What is the valley of ashes? Why this name? Do a close reading of the description and work from there.
3. Compare/contrast: Find specific descriptions
   1. Wilson and Tom
   2. Myrtle and Daisy
   3. Also: How does Fitzgerald develop George and Myrtle as characters?
4. How is class issues explored in this chapter?
5. Compare/contrast the party in the apartment with the dinner at the Buchanan's in Ch. One.
6. Why are the McKees in the novel? (They appear only in chapter two)
7. Eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg: how and how often are they mentioned? In what context? What could be the significance?

For the following characters, locations, and prompts look for quotes to support your understanding of the given subject. Your quotes should be descriptive or at least lead to your own explanation of how you see or understand the subject. For the board talk you will be required to provide quotes, questions, and observations – in detail.

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| **Compare/Contrast: Find Specific descriptions for…** |
| Jay Gatsby |
| Tom |
| Daisy |
| Jordan |
| Nick |
| East Egg |
| West Egg |
| Wilson & Tom |
| Myrtle & Daisy |
| Eyes of Dr. T.J. Eckleburg: what could be the significance? |
| Use of color(s); what is their significance? |