

## F. Scott Fitzgerald: An American Dreamer



Besides the failure of his novels, list other deep regrets or unrealized goals or problems of Fitzgerald that started in his youth. **Fitzgerald's life and works represent unrealized dreams, yearnings and lost hopes. Sadly, no reality could ever match his fantasies.** F. Scott Fitzgerald's life is a tragic example of both sides of the American Dream - the joys of young love, wealth and success, and the tragedies associated with excess and failure. His writing is HIGHLY autobiographical.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 8.
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Genevieve King
6. \_\_\_\_\_

What did Fitzgerald do to try to cope with these regrets and problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Fitzgerald was born in \_\_\_\_\_, where now there stand statues and memorials in his honor.

Fitzgerald attended \_\_\_\_\_ (an Ivy League school) where he wrote for student publications and wrote plays for the drama department before he flunked out.

Joined the army. Met \_\_\_\_\_, the golden girl, the one all the men wanted. She accepted his proposal. He moved to \_\_\_\_\_ and wrote for a newspaper but when he wasn't making enough \$ to suit her, Zelda called off the engagement in 1919. At age 23, he moved back to St. Paul to write his first novel about his college days (very risqué, told about life of teens in the 1920s) called \_\_\_\_\_. Novel a smashing success. He had \$ so NOW Zelda agreed to marry him in 1920 in NYC.

The 1920s were known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Age, a term Fitzgerald coined, with Scott and Zelda as the king and queen of the Flappers. They were often drunk and partied all night.

Soon after in 1921, they had their only child \_\_\_\_\_. Parenthood didn't slow them down.

To pay for their lifestyle when he needed quick cash, Fitzgerald wrote for \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1922 he wrote his 2nd novel about a happy couple who drank and fought and self destructed called \_\_\_\_\_.

All of Fitzgerald's novels and short stories are based on \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1924, the couple moved with other writers of their generation to the French Riviera, home to the Lost Generation of American ex-patriots...largely to escape Prohibition. While living there Fitzgerald became drinking buddies with \_\_\_\_\_ though there was a great deal of jealousy in that relationship.

Fitzgerald settled down to write \_\_\_\_\_, a novel about a man trying desperately to recapture his past. While he worked, Zelda grew restless and \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ failed to sell well....topics of death and murder didn't go over well.

What happened to Zelda in her late 20s? \_\_\_\_\_

1934, Fitzgerald needed money. Drawing on personal experience again, he wrote a novel about a psychiatrist and his mentally ill wife called \_\_\_\_\_. The novel didn't sell because of the \_\_\_\_\_. People too busy surviving to care.

1936, Fitzgerald wrote a series of articles called \_\_\_\_\_, published in the NY Post, which called him a "has-been."

Just when he'd hit rock bottom, he got an offer to go write in \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

What happened with his attempt at this venture? \_\_\_\_\_

In Hollywood, he met \_\_\_\_\_. His relationship with her became the topic of Graham's autobiography and a movie called \_\_\_\_\_ that depicted the terrible fights he had with her.

*The Last Tycoon*, his last novel, was never finished because Fitzgerald \_\_\_\_\_ in Dec. 1940.

What happened to Zelda Fitzgerald at age 48?

Today Fitzgerald's reputation continues to grow. He kept writing no matter his personal tragedies. He knew that what he was doing was good. He had tremendous faith in his own talent. At the end of his life, he was fully and deeply engaged in the writing of a novel in which he very much believed in.

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is the most popular American novel and sells over \_\_\_\_\_ copies per year.