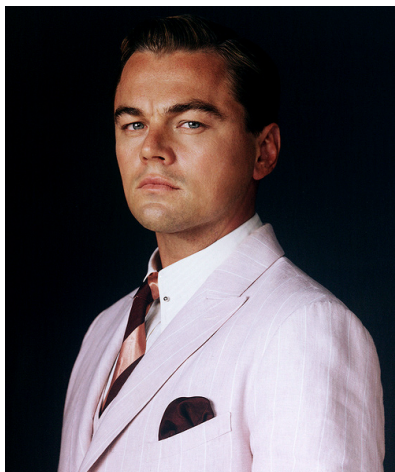


Instead of students watching this scene, it will just be explained that Tom takes his mistress, Myrtle, to the city, to be able to spend time with her. Students should also know that Nick was involved with one of these outings, so he was aware of the situation.

About the Movie: *The Great Gatsby* is a 2013 film, directed by Baz Luhrmann, which is an adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel by the same title. The movie follows the narrator, Nick Carraway, through his experiences during the summer of 1922. Nick is new to New York, and he meets an unlikely neighbor by the name of Jay Gatsby. Gatsby is known for his lavish parties, although his face isn't something everyone knows. He is a ghost at his own parties. Gatsby's life is very mysterious, and people do not know very much about him, besides scepticism. Nick soon learns of Gatsby's true meaning for his parties; to bring in a girl by the name of Daisy Buchanan. Daisy is actually Nick's cousin. She is married to a man named Tom. Despite her being married, Gatsby is more than in love with her. They met earlier in life and instantly fell in love, but Gatsby felt as if he was not good enough for her. Everything he has ever done in his life to get to the point he is at was all for her. Gatsby and Daisy later meet again and rekindle their flame, just as if they were young again, and Daisy was not married. Their love affair does not last forever though, as Daisy ends up back with her husband, Tom. Gatsby ultimately meets his fate by being shot by a man who was encouraged by Tom. Nick experiences it all, and the story is told from his point of view.

Character Profiles:

Jay Gatsby:



Jay "Gatsby" is the title character. He is a very rich bachelor who is next door neighbors with Nick Carraway in West Egg, New York. He is well-known for his over the top parties that he throws, although his face is not familiar to many. His life is just as mysterious as his presence at his own parties. The narrator, Nick, soon learns that Gatsby is not what he seems. He was actually from a very poor family and went by the name of "James Gatz." He fell in love with Nick's cousin, Daisy, at a very young age, but did not feel like he was good enough for her. He spent his entire life climbing the social

ladder so that he would finally be good enough for Daisy, even though he did this through many illegal activities. Gatsby is seen as a very flawed man, but is also seen as a representation of hope because of his eternal love for Daisy. Gatsby's favorite phrase, and perhaps the one he is most well-known for, is "Old Sport". He calls Nick this on a daily basis.

Nick Carraway:



Nick is the narrator of the story. He is a young man and the cousin of Daisy Buchanan. Nick recently moved to New York City to learn the bond business. As an honest, good listener who refrains from judging others, he often gets sucked into being a confidant for other characters who have serious secrets. When Nick moves into his home in NYC, he immediately reaches out to his neighbor, Jay Gatsby, and they become friends. As Daisy's cousin, Nick plays a role in bringing Daisy and Gatsby back together.

Daisy Buchanan:



Daisy Buchanan is a cousin to Nick Carraway. She lives across the way from Gatsby and Nick in East Egg with her husband, Tom, and their daughter. In early life, Daisy fell in love with Gatsby, who was then an officer in the war. She promised to wait for him, but her desire to be loved caused her not to wait for Gatsby to return, and she married a very powerful, wealthy man, Tom. Daisy and Gatsby are reunited and start their love story all over. Throughout the novel, Daisy is

torn between whether to be with her husband or to leave him to be with her long lost love, Gatsby. Daisy is superficial and cynical as a character.

Tom Buchanan:



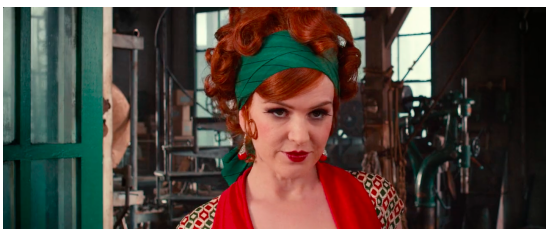
Tom is Daisy Buchanan's wealthy husband. Tom is rude, cocky, and hypocritical. He proves himself as both racist and sexist, but he would never accept those around him to behave in such ways. In addition to this, Tom also seems to have no conscience whatsoever. He has an affair with Myrtle and sees no issue, but when Daisy has an affair, he suddenly thinks it's wrong.

Jordan Baker:



Jordan is Daisy's friend, and she becomes romantically involved with Nick. She is a professional golfer. She is in the novel to represent the "new woman" of the 1920's, with her boyish outlook. She is not very truthful and will do anything to get her way.

Myrtle Wilson:



Myrtle is wife to George Wilson, who runs a garage in the Valley of Ashes. Myrtle is also the woman who Tom is having an affair with. Myrtle is not happy with her current life and aspires to become more than she is, financially and socially.

George Wilson:



George Wilson, Myrtle's husband, a mechanic, is seen as a lifeless character. He is so in love with his wife but is aware of her unhappiness. He tries to make her happy, but all of his thoughts for their life are nothing but dreams. However, George would do anything because of his love for his wife.

Meyer Wolfsheim:



Wolfsheim is Gatsby's friend and business partner who is involved in illegal crime. He helped Gatsby create his wealth by bootlegging liquor during prohibition. Meyer Wolfsheim is a very mysterious character who does not reveal much about himself. However, he does know a lot of information about other characters.