## *The Great Gatsby*

## Vocabulary

**CHAPTER 1:**

**Feign:** (V) -to imitate deceptively; to make believe; pretend.

**Supercilious:** (Adj.) -having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy.

**Conscientious:** (Adj.) -meticulous; careful; painstaking; particular.

**Incredulous:** (Adj.) -indicating or showing unbelief.

**Reciprocal:** (Adj.) -mutual; corresponding; matching; complementary; equivalent.

**Wan:** (Adj.) -of an unnatural or sickly pallor; pallid; lacking color.

**Complacent:** (Adj.) -often without awareness of some potential danger or defect; self-satisfied.

**Intimation:** (V) -make known subtly and indirectly; hint.

**Infinite:** (Adj.) -indefinitely or exceedingly large.

**Anon:** (Adv.) -in a short time; soon.

**CHAPTER 2:**

**Contiguous:** (Adj.) -connecting without a break; uninterrupted.

**Facet:** (N) -aspect; phase; side.

**Cower:** (V) -to crouch, as in fear or shame.

**Interpose:** (V) -to step in between parties at variance; mediate.

**Apathetic:** (Adj.) -not interested or concerned; indifferent or unresponsive.

**Languid:** (Adj.) -lacking in spirit or interest; listless; indifferent.

**Imply:** (V) -to indicate or suggest without being explicitly stated.

**Strident:** (Adj.) -having a shrill, irritating quality or character.

**Deft:** (Adj.) -nimble; skillful; clever.

**Clad:** (Adj.) -dressed; covered.

**Chapter 3:**

**Permeate:** (V) -to pass into or through every part of; to penetrate through the pores; to be diffused through; pervade; saturate.

**Innuendo:** (N) -an indirect comment about a person or thing, esp. of a disparaging or a derogatory nature.

**Erroneous:** (Adj.) -containing error; mistaken; incorrect; wrong.

**Vehement:** (Adj.) -strongly emotional; intense or passionate.

**Cordial:** (Adj.) -courteous and gracious; friendly; warm.

**Impetuous:** (Adj.) -characterized by sudden or rash action, emotion, etc.; impulsive.

**Vacuous:** (Adj.) -lacking in ideas or intelligence.

**Corpulent:** (Adj.) -large or bulky of body; portly; stout; fat.

**Provincial:** (Adj.) -having the manners, and viewpoints considered characteristic of unsophisticated inhabitants of a province; rustic; narrow or illiberal.

**Din:** (N) -a loud, confused noise; a continued loud or tumultuous sound; noisy clamor.

**Chapter 4:**

**Knickerbocker:** (N) -any New Yorker.

**Fluctuate:** (V) -to change continually; shift back and forth.

**Sporadic:** (Adj.) -appearing or happening at irregular intervals in time; occasional.

**Divine retribution:** (N) -punishment from a higher being for bad deeds or transgressions.

**Rajah:** (N) -a king or prince in India; a minor chief or dignitary.

**Elicit:** (V) -to draw or bring out or forth; educe; evoke.

**Valor:** (N) -heroic courage; bravery.

**Somnambulatory:** (Adj.) -related to sleep walking.

**Denizen:** (N) -an inhabitant; a resident; one that frequents a particular place.

**Jaunty:** (Adj.) -easy and sprightly in manner or bearing.

**Chapter 5:**

**Rout:** (N) -an overwhelming defeat.

**Suppress:** (V) -to do away with; abolish; stop.

**Innumerable:** (Adj.) -very numerous; incapable of being counted; countless.

**Ecstatic:** (Adj.) -subject to or in a state of ecstasy; rapturous.

**Reproach:** (V) -to find fault with (a person, group, etc.); blame.

**Serf:** (N) -a slave.

**Obstinate:** (Adj.) -inflexible; stubborn; not yielding.

**Exult:** (V) -to show or feel a lively or triumphant joy; rejoice; be highly elated or jubilant.

**Hulking:** (Adj.) -heavy and clumsy; bulky.

**Nebulous:** (Adj.) -hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused.

**Chapter 6:**

**Laudable:** (Adj.) -deserving praise; praiseworthy; commendable.

**Insidious:** (Adj.) -intended to entrap or trick.

**Repose:** (N) -peace; tranquility; calm.

**Debauch:** (N) -an uninhibited spree or party.

**Antecedent:** (N) -a preceding circumstance, event, object, style, phenomenon.

**Ingratiate:** (V) -to establish (oneself) in the favor or good graces of others by deliberate effort.

**Perturb:** (N) -to throw into great disorder; derange; bother; annoy.

**Dilatory:** (Adj.) -tending to delay or procrastinate; slow; tardy.

**Desolate:** (Adj.) -barren or laid waste; devastated; deprived or destitute of inhabitants; deserted; uninhabited; solitary; lonely.

**Elusive:** (Adj.) -hard to express or define; cleverly or skillfully evasive.

**Chapter 7:**

**Lapse:** (N) -a slip or error, often of a trivial sort; failure. (V) -to come to an end; stop.

**Insistent:** (Adj.) -earnest or emphatic in dwelling upon, maintaining, or demanding something; persistent.

**Tentative:** (Adj.) -unsure; uncertain; not definite or positive; hesitant.

**Abrupt:** (Adj.) -sudden or unexpected.

**Tumult:** (N) -uproar; disorder; highly distressing agitation of mind or feeling.

**Portentous:** (Adj.) -ominous, predictive of future bad events.

**Irreverent:** (Adj.) -not respectful; critical of what is generally accepted or respected.

**Vicarious:** (Adj.) -taking the place of another person or thing; acting or serving as a substitute.

**Rancor:** (N) -resentment or ill will; hatred; malice.

**Formidable:** (Adj.) -of great strength; forceful; powerful.

**Chapter 8:**

**Humidor:** (N) -a container or storage room for cigars or other preparations of tobacco, fitted with means for keeping the tobacco suitably moist.

**Indiscernible:** (Adj.) -cannot be seen or perceived clearly; imperceptible.

**Settee:** (N) -a seat for two or more persons, having a back and usually arms, and often upholstered.

**In cahoots:** (Phrase) -in partnership; in league with; in conspiracy.

**Divot:** (N) -a piece of turf gouged out with a club in making a stroke.

**Garrulous:** (Adj.) -excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, esp. about trivial matters.

**Incoherent:** (Adj.) -without logical or meaningful connection; disjointed; rambling.

**Conceivable:** (Adj.) -imaginable; believable.

**Forlorn:** (Adj.) -desolate or dreary; unhappy or miserable, as in feeling, condition, or appearance.

**Laden:** (Adj.) -burdened; loaded down.

**Chapter 9:**

**Pasquinade:** (N) -a satire or lampoon, esp. one posted in a public place.

**Derange:** (V) -to disturb the condition, action, or function of; to make insane.

**Surmise:** (V) -to think or infer without certain or strong evidence; conjecture; guess.

**Superfluous:** (Adj.) -being more than is sufficient or required; excessive; unnecessary or needless.

**Elocution:** (N) -a person's manner of speaking or reading aloud in public.

**Unutterable:** (Adj.) -unspeakable; beyond expression.

**Subtle:** (Adj.) -difficult to perceive or understand.

**Orgastic:** (Adj.) - at the height of emotional excitement.

**Borne:** (V) -carried.

**Ceaselessly:** (Adv.) -without stopping or pausing; unendingly; incessantly.