

**Due:** December 12

**Technical Requirements:**

- 500 to 900 words (2 ½ to 5 pages)
- Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, black ink
- MLA citation
- Page numbers (bottom, center of each page)
- Original title
- Must use outside sources

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Place your name in the upper left corner of the page using this format:

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Mrs. Krieger  
AP Language  
December 12, 2017

**Task:**

Write an essay in which you answer the following question: How does F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*, inform our understanding of the modern world?

**Explanation:** Choose one essential issue that Fitzgerald raises in his novel and analyze how that issue still swirls about the ether today. For example, when Nick Carraway first visits his cousin on East Egg, the brutish Tom Buchanan extolls the importance of “the dominant race watch[ing] out or these other races will have control of things” (Fitzgerald 12). What underpins Tom's statement, and how do his sentiments manifest in the world today?

**Avoid:**

Do not use long quotations, paraphrases, or anecdotes.  
Do not use passive voice.  
Do not focus on only one section of the book.

**Be sure to:**

Examine Fitzgerald's text in its totality.  
Incorporate your quotes smoothly into your analysis.  
Trust yourself.  
Push yourself.  
Use the text(s) as the basis for your analysis.