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## Gatsby's Final Chapter: The Conclusion of a Tragic Tale

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Gatsby's funeral in chapter 9 is significant as it represents the culmination of his life and dreams. The small attendance reflects the theme of isolation and the superficiality of the society depicted in the novel. It also underscores the tragedy of Gatsby's unattainable dreams.
2. The green light at the end of Daisy's dock symbolizes the American Dream and Gatsby's unattainable dreams. It serves as a constant reminder of his hopes and aspirations, even though the dream remains elusive. The light represents both the allure and the unattainability of his desires.
3. Nick Carraway's reflections in chapter 9 highlight his evolving perspective on Gatsby's life and the American Dream. He begins the novel as an admirer of Gatsby's ambition but becomes increasingly disillusioned with the characters and their flaws. His reflection underscores the central themes of the story.
4. The disappearance of Tom and Daisy Buchanan at the end of the novel in chapter 9 may symbolize their escape from the consequences of their actions and the moral decay of their world. It suggests that they can continue to live without facing the consequences of their choices, unlike Gatsby, who paid the ultimate price for his dreams.

