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## The Great Gatsby: A Roaring Tale of Love and Dreams

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Answers may vary, but should demonstrate understanding of the text and its themes.) Jay Gatsby throws extravagant parties as a means to attract Daisy's attention and to recreate a past that he idealizes. However, it ultimately does not fulfill his desires, as he remains unfulfilled and unsatisfied with the superficiality of his life.
2. Daisy Buchanan initially appears carefree and charming but becomes more complex as the story unfolds. She represents the allure of wealth and the shallowness of the upper class. Her character is also a victim of societal expectations and the choices she makes.
3. The green light at the end of Daisy's dock symbolizes Gatsby's unattainable dreams and his relentless pursuit of a future with Daisy. It represents hope, but it is just out of reach, much like Gatsby's desires.
4. The 1920s and the Jazz Age setting enhance the story's themes by showcasing the extravagance, excess, and moral decay of the era. It also underscores the stark contrast between the appearance of wealth and the emptiness that lies beneath it.

Remember that answers to open-ended questions can vary, and these responses provide a general understanding of the concepts discussed in the questions.

