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Gatsby's Goal

Directions: Read the provided passages about Gatsby's pursuit of Daisy. Answer the questions that follow. Support your answers with **direct text evidence** and your interpretation.

Passage 1 (Chapter 4):

"He talked a lot about the past, and I gathered that he wanted to recover something, some idea of himself perhaps, that had gone into loving Daisy."

Passage 2 (Chapter 5):

"He had waited five years and bought a mansion where he dispensed starlight to casual moths—so that Daisy would be just across the bay."

Passage 3 (Chapter 8):

"'Can't repeat the past?' he cried incredulously. 'Why of course you can!'"

1. Why does Gatsby pursue Daisy despite the obstacles in his way?

2. How does his vision of Daisy differ from reality?

3. In what ways does Gatsby's motivation shape his choices and the overall plot?

4. Do you think Gatsby is motivated more by love or by his dream of status and idealized perfection? Defend your answer.
