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Gatsby's Glow

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Highlight or underline words and phrases that describe the **green light**. Answer the questions to explain what the symbol represents and how it relates to Gatsby's larger dreams. Support all of your answers with **textual evidence** and **interpretation**.

The Great Gatsby (Chapter 1, F. Scott Fitzgerald)

"Involuntarily I glanced seaward—and distinguished nothing except a single green light, minute and far away, that might have been the end of a dock. When I looked once more for Gatsby he had vanished, and I was alone again in the unquiet darkness."

1. What object does the green light belong to, and why is Gatsby watching it?

2. How does the **distance** of the green light contribute to its symbolic meaning?

3. What larger dream or desire does the green light represent for Gatsby?

4. In what way does the green light symbolize both **hope** and **illusion**?

5. If you had to connect the green light to a modern symbol of ambition or longing, what would you choose and why?
