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The Great Gatsby's Lines



Directions: Below are five famous lines from *The Great Gatsby*. For each quote, **interpret the meaning** in your own words. Then, **identify the context**: who says it, and what is happening at this point in the novel. Finally, **explain what it reveals** about the speaker or about a theme in the story.

1. "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

Meaning: _____

Context: _____

Insight: _____

2. "I hope she'll be a fool; that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."

Meaning: _____

Context: _____

Insight: _____

3. "Can't repeat the past? ... Why of course you can!"

Meaning: _____

Context: _____

Insight: _____

4. "They're a rotten crowd... You're worth the whole damn bunch put together."

Meaning: _____

Context: _____

Insight: _____

5. "Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us."

Meaning: _____

Context: _____

Insight: _____