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## Exit Thoughts: Gatsby Answer Key

*Answers will vary, but here are model responses teachers can use as a guide.*

### Sample Student Response 1:

Gatsby's dream shows that America is a place where anyone can rise, but also where dreams can be corrupted by wealth. His dream depends on materialism, since he believes money will win Daisy. Fitzgerald suggests the American Dream can be both inspiring and destructive. Gatsby's life warns us that chasing an illusion may leave us empty in the end.

### Sample Student Response 2:

Gatsby's dream says that America is built on hope and the desire for something better. At the same time, his dream reveals how unfair society is, because class divisions keep him from fully belonging. The novel shows the American Dream as fragile and fleeting. Even today, many people still chase success but struggle against invisible barriers.