



The Great Gatsby

How Setting Affects Theme

While what happens in a scene is obviously important, where and when the action is set can give a scene deeper meaning. Complete this graphic organizer by writing the main events that take place in each setting in *The Great Gatsby*.

Part 1: Fill out the chart as you read.

Setting	Main Events
West Egg	<i>Gatsby throws wild parties.</i>
East Egg	<i>Nick visits the Buchanans.</i>
New York City	
The Valley of Ashes	

Part 2: Explain the importance of each setting.

Explain why Fitzgerald chose to set certain scenes in each place and how the events in each particular setting contribute to the themes of the novel.

West Egg:

East Egg:

New York City:

The Valley of Ashes:

RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).