

Gatsby's Personality

inside Gatsby himself since Daisy left him. The 'hand held up in a formal gesture of farewell' could be him waving goodbye to his guests or it could also be him temporarily saying goodbye to the emptiness that plagues him because he will soon meet Daisy once again after almost five years.

Bossy

- 'You sure you want me to come?' – 'Absolutely, old sport' (Page 57) – He doesn't give Nick the chance to say 'no' and instead expects him to come to be the buffer between himself and Daisy. This may be because of the amount of money he now owns and, whereas Nick doesn't earn a great deal, he may think that he is above Nick in social status due to this. Even though Gatsby comes from 'new money' as opposed to 'old money' he is still above Nick because he has a lot of it.
- 'You're having lunch with me today' (Page 41). – He expects to get his own way because he is richer than Nick. However, he would not expect Daisy or Tom to do whatever he wished without say because they were from 'old money' and he was from 'new money'. This elevated the Buchanan's in society even though they had about the same amount of money.

Hopeful

- 'He hadn't once ceased looking at Daisy' (Page 59) – This makes him seem slightly hopeful that Daisy may still return his feelings even after all this time. It is almost like he is afraid that if he turns away she will disappear and he will have lost her again. So to make sure that this doesn't happen, she refuses to let her out of his sight.
- 'Five years next November' (Page 15) – This quotation, said automatically and as though he hasn't stopped thinking about her since he left for the war, might imply that he is hopeful for Daisy's love and will continue to hope for it even though she has moved time and time again – firstly by marrying Tom Buchanan and secondly by never turning up to the parties that he throws specifically for her – that she does not truly care about him and may not even know the meaning of love as she married Tom merely for his social status and money.

Mysterious /Secretive

- 'I turned towards Mr. Gatsby, but he was no longer there.' – He is mysterious and secretive, no one really knows anything about him except the gossip that is spread. He is nothing remarkable to look at so he is able to slip from one place to another with no one really realizing where he is or who he is talking to.
- 'He had little to say'. (Page 41) – He has little to say on any subject matter and so no one knows what his opinion is. He tends to keep quiet and let other people talk, no matter whether that makes rumours fly about him or not.
- 'He hurried the phrase 'educated at Oxford' ... 'and with this doubt, his whole statement fell to pieces. I wondered if there wasn't something a little sinister about him, after all.' (Page 43)