

Themes, motifs, symbols etc

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Below are some of the themes, motifs, symbols, ideas and issues that are often discussed in relation to *The Great Gatsby*. As you read the novel see if you can identify these within it and consider which you think are particularly important:

Wealth / material goods

History / the past

The future

Dreams

Maternal imagery

Family

Books / stories

Love / relationships / friendships

Truth / honesty

Corruption / deceit / lying

Technology

Class / society

Parties / dancing / music

Work / Pioneer spirit

Idleness

Clothes / appearance

Alcohol / drinking

Cars / car accidents

Light / darkness

Heat / cold