

Sample Split Journal

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Quote	Response
“But above the gray land and the spasms of bleak dust which drift endlessly over it, the eyes of Dr. TJ Eckleburg were staring down.” (8)	This helps the author set the tone of the story. The landscape is described as dull and dreary. It makes the reader “feel” how drab this is. What could the eyes of Dr. TJ Eckleburg come to symbolize?
“There was music coming from my neighbor’s house through the summer nights...” (39)	This is a very thorough description of the neighbor’s house. It helps to create a vivid picture in my mind through the author’s use of imagery. Clearly, we will see a lot of this house if the author is going into such great detail.
“I believed that on the first night I went to Gatsby’s house, I was one of the few guests who had actually been invited.” (41)	Why were the others not invited? This is odd. Who is this Gatsby character? This characterizes him as very mysterious.

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“I am one of the few honest people I have ever known.” (59)	This is an interesting thing for the narrator to say. This must be foreshadowing something. This leads me to believe that we are going to see a lot of corruption and excess that goes fittingly with the lifestyle of the 1920s.
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