

General Directions (Read Aloud to All):

We're going to do a News Cast about the breaking news of the "Accident" of the Great Gatsby. To pull this off, we need everyone's help. We'll break up into small groups based on your learning style and interests. I'll pass out specific directions to everyone in just a moment. Overall, I want everyone to know that we're putting on a short newscast about the events of chapter 7. This will be performed consecutively, like we're watching an interactive news program. We'll have interviews with survivors, expert witness accounts from crime scene investigators, accurate re-enactments, and play-by-play analysis from our sports team.

Kinesthetic Learners: (5+)

You are playing the various characters in the novel (Daisy, Gatsby, Myrtle, etc.) Reconstruct the crime scene by acting it out in full detail. Every actor needs a part--if you're not in the car, you're a live prop or a piece of scenery. Costumes and name tags would be cool. Dialogue is not as important as the identification of specific characters, the specific color of cars, and the accurate order of events. I would recommend writing out step by step what occurs. You may also want to map out the different cars for your own reference.

*Special Task: Two people need to work with this group (just watch, don't interfere or tell them what you're going to do, but kind of secretly plan beside them...). You will be the play-by-play analysis of this scene. You will look for important moments to rewind, play in slow motion, comment on, describe in full detail, etc. I would like you to write out your script on white boards. Have it planned out. You can also think about using other white boards or props as arrows, etc.

Visual Learners: (3+)

You will be portraying CSI agents who are attempting to reconstruct the crime scene. I would like you to map out in specific detail the movements of the cars and their interaction. Who is riding with who? Make the map interactive--either using the SMART board or using tape and posters.

Textual Learners: (2+)

You will be portraying various characters and news anchors from the novel who will be interviewed by each other. (For example, student 1 will be a reporter while student 2 plays Daisy and then they'll take off their fake mustaches and switch roles and student 1 will be Gatsby while student 2 plays a reporter). Your job is to look closely at the text and use the text as the basis for answers to questions that you come up with. For example, if the book says about Daisy that she "saw the people and with glee floored it...", you'll come up with a question like "When you saw the people what did you do?" to which she'll answer, "Well, when I saw them, I floored it!". You're not really asked to be awesome actors but rather close readers. Prepare 5+ questions and answers.
