

From *The Great Gatsby* by Scott Fitzgerald

My name is Nick Carraway. I was born in a big city in the Middle West. My family has been well-known there for seventy years. My father's university was Yale at New Haven, Connecticut and I went there, too. I graduated in 1915 and then went to fight in the Great War. When I came back from the War, life in the Middle West was dull. I could not settle down. I decided to go East and learn the bond business. My father agreed to pay my expenses for the first year. So, in 1922, I went to New York. I had planned to stay in the East for several years, but I was there for only one summer. This book is the story of that summer. I arrived in New York in spring. The weather was already warm and the city was hot and uncomfortable. I looked around for somewhere cheap to live. I found a little house about twenty miles from New York, near the village of West Egg. My house was on Long Island, near the sea. It stood between two enormous houses that had been built for millionaires. The house on the right of my house had a swimming pool and was surrounded by beautiful lawns and gardens. It was Gatsby's house. And this is Gatsby's story, but of course, I didn't know Gatsby then ... (Fitzgerald and Tarner, 2014, 5)

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1. Where was Nick Carraway born?

- a) East Coast
- b) West Egg
- c) New York City
- d) Middle West

2. Where did Nick Carraway go to university?

- a) New York
- b) Yale at New Haven
- c) West Egg
- d) Middle West

3. Why did Nick Carraway go to New York?

- a) To settle down and start a family
- b) To pursue a career in the bond business
- c) To escape the dullness of life in the Middle West

d) To visit his family and friends

4. Where did Nick Carraway find a place to live in New York?

a) In the city center

b) Near the village of West Egg

c) In Long Island, near the sea

d) In one of the millionaires' houses

5. Whose story is the book about?

a) Nick Carraway's

b) Gatsby's

c) Nick Carraway and Gatsby's

d) The millionaires' in the neighborhood

Answers:

1. Middle West

2. Yale at New Haven

3. To pursue a career in the bond business

4. In Long Island, near the sea

5. Gatsby's