

## Motifs

Writers use motifs in their novels to develop the broader themes of the text. In the Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald uses a number of motifs as constant reminders of the novel's themes.

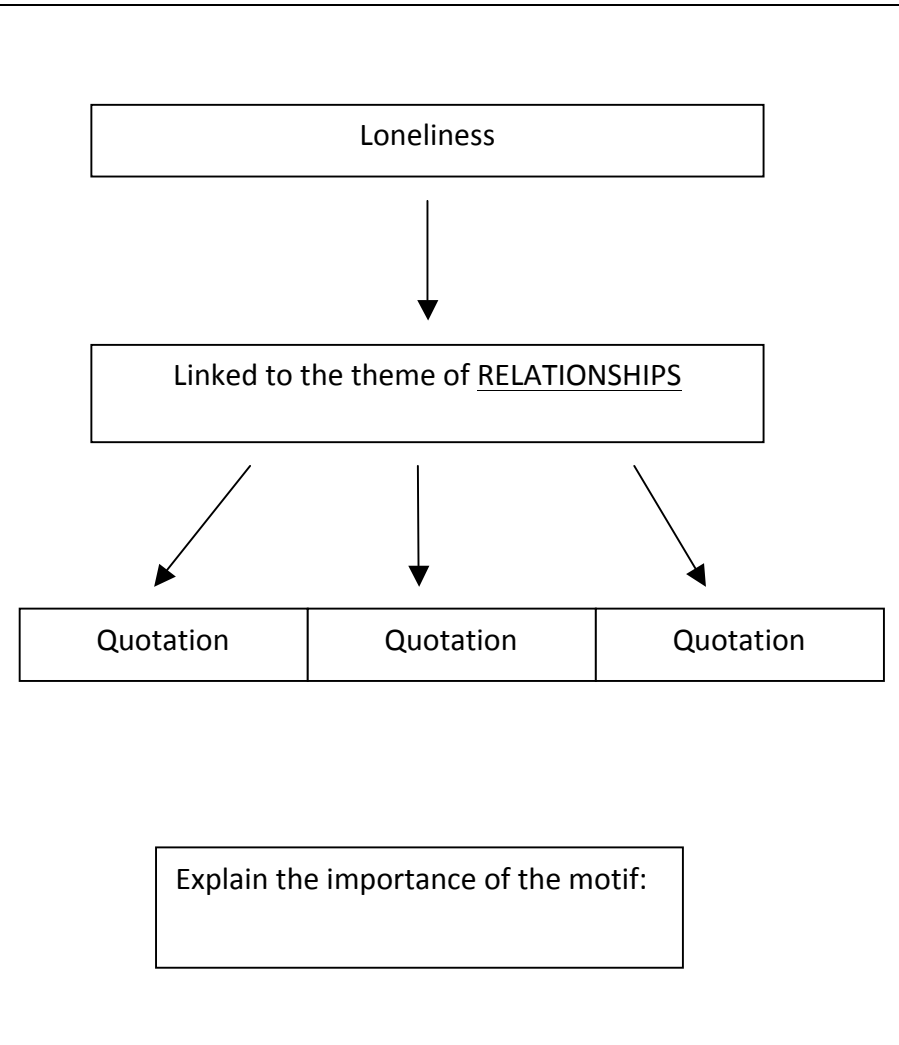
Below is a list of motifs that are present in The Great Gatsby:

- Geography
- Weather
- Automobiles
- The American Frontier
- The green light

You need to be able to locate quotations for each of these motifs and comment on the themes that they allow Fitzgerald to explore and develop throughout the novel.

You should complete the charts on the subsequent pages for each motif explaining its significance. (Please see example alongside.)

(Enlarge each chart to A3.)



## Motif: Geography

Why is this motif important in the novel?

Key chapter / page references for motif

Geography



Linked to the theme of



--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--

How does this motif link to theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

## Motif: Weather

Why is this motif important in the novel?

Key chapter / page references for motif

Weather



Linked to the theme of



--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--

How does this motif link to theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

## Motif: Automobiles

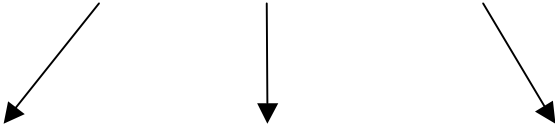
Why is this motif important in the novel?

Key chapter / page references for motif

Automobiles



Linked to the theme of



--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--

How does this motif link to theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

### Motif: The American Frontier

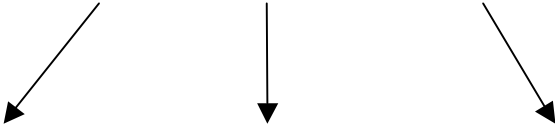
Why is this motif important in the novel?

Key chapter / page references for motif

The American Frontier



Linked to the theme of



[Empty box] [Empty box] [Empty box]

[Empty box] [Empty box] [Empty box] [Empty box] [Empty box]

How does this motif link to theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

### Motif: Daisy's Green Light

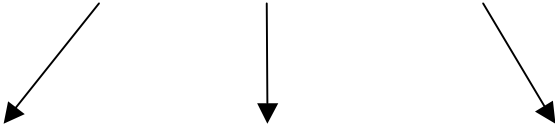
Why is this motif important in the novel?

Key chapter / page references for motif:

Daisy's Green Light



Linked to the theme of



--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--

How does this motif link to theme of \_\_\_\_\_?