Discuss the following questions for the first four chapters of the novel.

1. What does Jazz Age refer to in American history?
2. The novel starts with Nick’s introduction of himself and Nick cites a piece of advice his father gave him. What is the function of this part? Why do you think Nick starts out with his father and himself?
3. What do East Egg and West Egg symbolize?
4. How is Tom introduced to the reader? What is the most frequently used word/idea in his description?
5. What’s Nick’s first impression of Gatsby? Please interpret by referring to specific sentences.
6. Chapter 3 ends with Nick saying “Everyone suspects himself of at least one of the cardinal virtues, and this is mine: I am one of the few honest people that I have ever known.” What does he mean? What is the significance of the statement?
7. What is Gatsby’s story? How does he become great?