**The Great Gatsby – Introduction** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Writer on Writing:**

Please read the following pages: V-X and record your relative findings in the table provided.

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| **Scott’s Fitzgerald the author:**  -  -  -  -  - | **The role of Zelda in his life:**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-** |
| **Fitzgerald’s goals and writing style:**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-** | **Fitzgerald’s famous pieces of writing were:**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-**  **-** |
| **Additional information:**  -  -  -  -  - | |

**The Great Gatsby – Background and Introduction Questions**

1. The 1920’s was a period from which much of Fitzgerald’s material was drawn; this decade was also referred to as the what? What did this mean//what was this movement about?
2. Discuss how Fitzgerald himself and the character Gatsby are both similar and different. Provide at least 3 points for each.
3. Explain who the “Southern Belle” in Fitzgerald’s life was, and why this posed as an ongoing struggle for him and his career?
4. Fitzgerald was described as a “self-critical” individual, among many other things. Discuss the struggles that Fitzgerald faced near the end of his life; this may include personal, financial, mental or social aspects.

**Please read the “Introduction” of the characters/plot and background of the novel pages xi-xviii.**

1. In 3-5 sentences discuss the role social class and economic status in this novel. Be sure to define ‘old’ vs. ‘new’ money, as well as, the various means of making money etc.
2. Create a chart in your notebook, providing 5 points for each, compare the East to the West, be specific this will include the American history.
3. Briefly explain how the First World War is connected in American History to this novel.
4. Fitzgerald uses what is called ‘colorful behavior’ in his novel. Read “The characters” section and briefly describe the following characters: Daisy, Jordan, Tom, Gatsby, and Nick. Which do you intrigued most by and why?
5. Write a **¾ page double spaced response**, predicting what you think this novel will be about, discuss relationships, character traits, choices, environment/setting etc. You’re welcome to use support from the text thus far to assist in your explanation.