## The Great Gatsby—Anticipation Guide

**Directions**: Each of the following quotes comes from our next novel, *The Great Gatsby*. Please read through each quote, think about the point that each is making, and then choose **EIGHT** of the quotes. In your notebooks, please defend, refute or qualify each statement and write a **two or three-sentence rationale** to support your stance.

- 1. "I hope she'll be a fool. That's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."
- 2. "There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired."
- 3. "Let us learn to show our friendship for a man when he is alive and not after he is dead."
- 4. "Reserving judgments is a matter of infinite hope."
- 5. "No amount of fire or freshness can challenge what a man will store up in his ghostly heart."
- 6. "The loneliest moment in someone's life is when they are watching their whole world fall apart, and all they can do is stare blankly."
- 7. "His dream must have seemed so close that he could hardly fail to grasp it. He did not know that it was already behind him."
- 8. "'Whenever you feel like criticizing any one,' he told me, 'just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had."
- 9. "It occurred to me that there was no difference between men, in intelligence or race, so profound as the difference between the sick and the well."
- 10. "You see, I usually find myself among strangers because I drift here and there trying to forget the sad things that happened to me."
- 11. "'Can't repeat the past?' he cried incredulously. 'Why of course you can!"
- 12. "It takes two to make an accident."
- 13. "Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us. It eluded us then, but that's no matter—to-morrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther...And one fine morning—So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."
- 14. "Life is much more successfully looked at from a single window."
- 15. "Human sympathy has its limits."