*The Great Gatsby*- English 10

**Reflection #3**

**[1]** “…and the holocaust was complete…”

**[2]** It was all very careless and confused. They were careless people, Tom and Daisy — they smashed up things and creatures and then retreated back into their money or their vast carelessness, or whatever it was that kept them together, and let other people clean up the mess they had made. . . .

**[3]** “And as I sat there brooding on the old, unknown world, I thought of Gatsby’s wonder when he first picked out the green light at the end of Daisy’s dock. He had come a long way to this blue lawn, and 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, somewhere back in that vast obscurity beyond the city, where the dark fields of the republic rolled on under the night.

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.”

**Directions:** Choose one option from the three below and complete the third and final reflection for *The Great Gatsby*.

**Option A: Reflection Analysis.**

Reflect upon the excerpt above. In MLA, explain each section [1, 2 &3] in your own words. Discuss the significance of what Nick has articulated and explain whether you agree or disagree and why. This response should be four paragraphs in length. One paragraph for each excerpt section explained and one paragraph to agree/disagreeing with Nick’s final judgment. Remember to EXPLAIN yourself completely. Always answer why!

**Option B: Symbolic Billboard & Response.**

On a piece of computer paper, create a mini-billboard that describes, visually, the excerpt above. Take into consideration all the imagery Nick creates with his descriptive words. Make sure to represent each excerpt section [1, 2 &3] in your billboard. Be as creative as you can! Once your billboard is completed, on the back compose a paragraph explaining the symbolism the green light held for Gatsby, how it changed throughout the novel, and what lesson can be learned from this symbol.

**Option C: Accident Report & Testimony.**

Role play: You were the investigator in the hit & run case, which took place during chapter 7. You have interviewed key witnesses and believed to have cracked the case! First, you need to complete the accident report worksheetand prepare to verbally explain what happened in this particular case, according to the novel (not class discussion). You will give your testimony of the horrific events and discoveries of the hit & run incident. In an interview scenario, you will answer and explain your findings and turn in your accident report. You will be graded on the accuracy of the accident report as well as your knowledge and understanding of the novel’s events and excerpt [3] above. *(See Nicolia to testify)*