

# **Student Essay on The Great Gatsby**

## **The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

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# Essay

## American literature

Jay Gatsby is a very caring and loyal person. He helps others less fortunate than him because he knows what it is like to live in their shoes and has been through some of the things that others are going through.

Jay Gatsby tries to live life to the fullest. He lived in an area from rural North Dakota where he grew up in poverty and changed to become incredibly wealthy. He achieved his goal of wealth by being involved in organized crime, including distributing illegal alcohol and trading in stolen securities. His new found wealth changed the way he lived but did not change his personality. He used his wealth to benefit others, sharing his wealth with his friends and even strangers, inviting them to his house for parties mostly because he felt guilty from committing his crime.

Gatsby also dropped out of St. Olaf's College because he didn't want to work as a janitor to pay for his education. He was too proud to work as a janitor and did anything to reach his goal to become wealthy, even if it meant a life of crime. He offered Tom a job when he complained about his low paycheck because he related to his feeling of distress, wanting a better life. He wants everyone to be able to have the same benefits as him and tries to help them all reach their goals.

In conclusion Jay Gatsby's main goal in life is to help others who are less fortunate than him, but by doing this his idea of happiness isn't always the same as theirs.