

*Gatsby / Fight Club*

- “Strategy:”

Das Zitat auf jeden Fall – in Auszügen (Schlüsselstellen) – vorlesen.

Vorlesen zu Hause üben – Betonung, Pausen usw.

Es ist immer eine gute Idee, mit dem Zitat das Referat zu beginnen ... aber natürlich kein Zwang!

- “Suggestions for Analysis”:

Zentrale inhaltliche Punkte nennen: auf welche zentralen Themen bzw. Persönlichkeit der Figuren wird verwiesen?

Welches Bild des „Sprechenden“ wird vermittelt? (insbesondere im Falle von *Tyler Durden*, aber natürlich auf von *Nick Carraway*!)

Persönlicher Kommentar zu dem Zitat!

- “Content from classroom discussion”:

*Gatsby:*

Gatsby breaks with his family, his past

→→ new name

He believes to be special,

destined to achieve greatness.

charismatic →→ “smile”

**Nick describes** the impression Gatsby

makes on him: feels comfortable

in his presence; feels “recognized”;

*Apparently Nick in need of recognition*

*Fight Club:*

“existential anger” at media for creating a false illusion of our future lives

critique of materialism: people define themselves by what they own and become “slaves” of their possessions: it is only important what you have and not who you are →→ loss of personality

## Colloquium Englisch – *Working with the quotes*

*as he appears to lack self-confidence.*

*Question: Is Gatsby for “real” or*

*does he “play” Nick because*

*he needs to him to arrange the meeting with Daisy!*

Gatsby “created” his life →→ new name;

his dream of his future life is immature:

“based on the dream of 17-year-old!”

He never gave up his “creation”

Movie ends on a pessimistic tone: “green light”

a symbol of Gatsby’s failed

love to Daisy;

it becomes a symbol of “everyone’s” childhood

dreams that we are bound to fail to give

up even if we can’t reach them

*Of course, you don’t have to agree with that view –*

*and I hope you don’t!!!*

This view is opposed to the traditional “American”

view on life, as personified by Gatsby!

Our lives are wasted, because there is no greater aim to achieve; “existential emptiness”, people feel “worthless”

*What “aims” could give meaning to a “modern” life like ours?*

*context: Tyler is speaking →→ what image do have of him?!!*