

Name _____ **The Great Gatsby**



Figurative Language Detective

Directions - Below are several lines and descriptions adapted from *The Great Gatsby*. Each one is a "clue" that reveals something about Fitzgerald's themes, characters, or setting.

Your job is to:

1. Identify the **figurative language device** (metaphor, simile, symbolism, personification, hyperbole, irony).
2. Explain what it means in context.
3. Solve the "mystery" → What larger theme or truth about the 1920s does this clue point to?

Clue #1 - *"Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us."*

Device: _____ Meaning: _____

Theme: _____

Clue #2 - *The eyes of Dr. T. J. Eckleburg, blue and gigantic, stared out from a pair of enormous yellow spectacles, brooding over the valley of ashes.*

Device: _____ Meaning: _____

Theme: _____

Clue #3 - *Her voice is full of money.* (Nick describing Daisy)

Device: _____ Meaning: _____

Theme: _____

Clue #4 - *The lights in Gatsby's house blazed on every weekend-men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars.*

Device: _____ Meaning: _____

Theme: _____