*The Great Gatsby*, ch. 7

Tone Change Handout

At the beginning of the novel, Nick arrived in New York excited to pursue his American dream – a life of wealth, youth, and beauty. The tone of the opening chapters can be characterized with words like wonder, romance, and idealism.

In chapter 7, however, Nick’s attitude toward the glamorous New York life epitomized by the Buchanans’ wealthy sophistication and Gatsby’s seemingly unlimited lavishness and excitement has shifted.

As you read ch. 7, record at least 5 quotes that reflect Nick’s change in attitude. Record the quote in column 1. Then, in column 2, explain what attitude the quote reflects. Finally, in column 3, explain how this attitude contrasts with Nick’s earlier perspective.

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| **Quote** | **What does the quote reveal about Nick’s feelings toward “the rich” or the promises of the American Dream?** | **How is this feeling different from his perspective earlier in the novel?** |
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