***The Great Gatsby* Setting Analysis – Timed Essay Plan Sheet**

Authors often use descriptive details to develop a setting for several purposes. In a well-organized, developed, and supported essay, explain how Fitzgerald uses setting to convey a theme related to the achievement of the American dream.

**Intro:** Begin by recording your thesis statement below. Then, think of the upside-down triangle as a strategy for composing the rest of the intro. The thesis is the narrow point; broaden out a little to begin and then lead to that point.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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[You can find example thesis statements on the class website under Handouts/Files > Writing.]

Below, you can plan your topic sentences and supporting evidence for the body paragraphs. If you need a third body paragraph, add a Roman numeral and follow the same pattern.

1. Body Paragraph 1 Focus/Topic Sentence
2. Evidence 1 – Use page references in parentheses as appropriate
	1. Commentary/interpretation
	2. Commentary/interpretation
3. Evidence 2
	1. Commentary/interpretation
	2. Commentary/interpretation
4. Evidence 3
5. Commentary/interpretation
6. Commentary/interpretation
7. Body Paragraph 2 Focus/Topic Sentence
8. Evidence 1
	1. Commentary/interpretation
	2. Commentary/interpretation
9. Evidence 2
	1. Commentary/interpretation
	2. Commentary/interpretation
10. Evidence 3
11. Commentary/interpretation
12. Commentary/interpretation

Conclusion – Restate thesis in different words; emphasize significance