*The Great Gatsby -* Chapter 3 Discussion

1. Party Description: **Write** some adjectives that describe Gatsby’s party. Discuss the justification for each adjective.
2. Discuss your impression of what Nick was like at the Party—how does he differ from other guests? **Write** one word below to describe Nick at the party.
3. Talk about all the rumors that have been said about Gatsby…do you think any are true? Why? **Write** at least one rumor below.
4. Discuss the run-in with “Owl Eyes” and why Nick was surprised Gatsby owned *real* books. Discuss the theme of expectation vs. reality in this chapter. **Write** why you guys think he’s surprised.
5. NICK AND GATSBY FINALLY MEET! Re-read the paragraph about Gatsby’s smile. Leo Dicaprio spent MONTHS trying to perfect that smile. Why do you suppose Gatsby’s smile is so important? Do you think you know anyone with that kind of smile? **Write** one word to describe Gatsby’s smile.
6. Discuss this quote by Jordan Baker: “And I like large parties. They’re so intimate. At small parties, there isn’t any privacy.” **Write** how many of you in the group agree and how many of you disagree.

Agree: #\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree: #\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Clearly, from Chapter 1, Nick is “inclined to reserve all judgements.” Discuss anything that Nick saw in this chapter where he had to refrain himself from judging. **Write** at least one down.
2. Nick says, “Reading over what I have written so far, I see I have given the impression that the events of three nights several weeks apart were all that absorbed me. On the contrary, they were merely casual events in a crowded summer, and, until much later, they absorbed me infinitely less than my personal affairs.” These events have kicked off the story. But there’s more to come. Much more. Make a prediction of something that you think might happen. **Write** one prediction.
3. Characterize Nick…his “haunting loneliness,” his “cardinal virtue,” his “slow-thinking and full of interior rules that act as brakes on his desires,” his “fly-on-the-wall” approach to life (observant in nature), and any other character traits you think are worth mentioning. **Write** one other character trait of Nick not mentioned above.