

THE GREAT BREAKDOWN: GATSBY'S FIRST TWO PAGES

Answer the following questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What advice did the narrator's father give him when he was younger?
2. As a result of his father's advice, what "habit" does the narrator try to follow?
 - a. What, according to the narrator, is the downside of practicing this "habit"? Paraphrase into your own language - what does it really mean?
3. What does the narrator mean when he claims "a sense of the fundamental decencies is parceled out unequally at birth"? How is this true?
4. What is Fitzgerald trying to show us about the narrator by the fact that he admits this statement is "snobbish"?
5. Why is reserving judgments a "matter of infinite hope"? What does "infinite hope" mean?
6. The narrator realizes he does not possess an unlimited supply of what?
7. What does the narrator think is great about Gatsby?
8. What evidence suggests the narrator does not think everything about Gatsby is great?