

The Great Gatsby Project

Grade Level: High School

Objectives	<p>Following this activity, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a better grasp of the novel's setting • Be able to identify with the novel's main characters • Understand the differences of social classes in the novel • Be able to communicate on the website Present.ly
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The novel <i>The Great Gatsby</i> • A computer with internet access. • Clothing that would represent the two different social classes in the novel.
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before any part of this project can begin, students must first fully read the novel <i>To Great Gatsby</i>. 2. The students will be divided into two groups: The East Egg and the West Egg. 3. Students in the East Egg group represent the older group of the higher social classes. The West Egg group represents the new fashioned higher social class group. 4. The groups will throw an in class party dressed as the social group that they are placed into. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The East Egg group will dress as an older class societal group that talks very properly and acts like an older more developed community. • The West Egg group will dress like a newer more modern social class group. They will dress in much brighter clothes and talk very differently from the East Eggers. 5. The Party will be on October 31, 2011. 6. The catch is that the students will have no time in class to plan the party. They will have to discuss their party intentions on the website Present.ly. Each student must make comments to other students in order to successfully plan the party. They will be asked to print their conversations. 7. Students will also be asked to use Present.ly in order to communicate with their groups outside the classroom and to not meet outside of the chats on the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures they understand how to use Present.ly
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students will be graded on their comments and chats on Presnt.ly and how well they are able to reciprocate what a party between the two social classes would look like.