



Handout 1 - Daisy Buchanan Quotes

Daisy: “I woke up out of the ether with an utterly abandoned feeling, and asked the nurse right away if it was a boy or a girl. She told me it was a girl, and so I turned my head away and wept. ‘All right,’ I said, ‘I’m glad it’s a girl. And I hope she’ll be a fool - that’s the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool’...” (17).

Daisy: “I think everything’s terrible anyhow... I’ve been everywhere and seen everything and done everything.” (17) - Daisy

Nick: “I felt the basic insincerity of what she had said. It made me uneasy, as though the whole evening had been a trick of some sort to exact a contributory emotion from me.” (17) - Nick

Jordan Baker: “Daisy was popular in Chicago, as you know. They moved with a fast crowd, all of them young and rich and wild, but she came out with an absolutely perfect reputation.” (77)

Daisy: “...Your mother wanted to show you off... You dream, you. You absolute dream.” (117).

Daisy: “How do you like mother’s friends ? Do you think they’re pretty?” (117)

Daisy: “She doesn’t look like her father. She looks like me. She’s got my hair and shape of the face.” (117).

Nick: “For Daisy was young and her artificial world was redolent of orchids and pleasant, cheerful snobbery and orchestras which set the rhythm of the year, summing up the sadness and the suggestiveness of life in new tunes.” (151)