《了不起的盖茨比》(*The Great Gatsby*)赏析6篇

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The Knight in My Heart

I’ve heard of the famous novel *The Great Gatsby* for several years. However, until recently have I got the chance to watch the revised film. I have to say that it’s my best love during the semester.

It’s a story about Gatsby and his pursuit for the American dreams. No matter what happened, he firmly believed his lover and precious dream. As we all know, one can achieve his or her dream through continuous efforts. Gatsby spent five years becoming a millionaire and bought a house to attract his lover who was a money lover and had already married a rich man. He was too addicted to his fantasy to realize that his girl was no longer the lovely girl she used to be. Eventually, he was killed because of her crime.

It was a sad story, but I still love Gatsby’s bravery, ambition and his persistence of love. After watching the film, I even felt that I fell in love with this extraordinary man. And a imagery in the film impressed me deeply. The imagery of “green light” is the most important symbol which occurred many times in the film. It symbolized Gatsby’s dream and his hope. He always stared at the light far away and the light gave him energy to fight on. To be honest, he was crazy and wrong in some aspects. He never thought about his behaviors which might break the law and if this bad things were known by this girl, she should be angry and disappointed. It seemed unbelievable to use money to win her back. It was his fault to catch his love blindly and recklessly. However, he was also a victim. Because of his poor family background and the character of his dream girl, his efforts was wasted. People's ignorance of true love and strong desire of money and position in the society were so cold and cruel that broke many dreams like Gatsby’s.

As far as I am concerned, the story can serve as a reminder for us. We should always be conscious about what really desire about. Anyhow, only by pursuing the proper dream can we finally get the deepest happiness. What’s more, I really love Gatsby and I’ll always admire his persistence for love and his gentle and bravery which just like knight’s spirit. （10班王雪雯）

From the teacher:

A good movie review for a 10th-grader indeed! With its proper use of vocabulary and grammar, the movie review gives a brief summary of the tragic story, emphasizes the important symbol “green light”, analyses what leads to Gatsby’s tragedy and draws lessons from the story.

My advice: Focus on **one point**, elaborate it with examples or details and give your analyses or comments. Take chivalry（骑士风度/品质）as an example. You may start by asking yourself these questions:

1. Why does the character Gatsby impress me so much? (His Chivalry.)

2. Specify Gatsby’s chivalry with details or examples from the movie (e.g. constant love for Daisy, taking Daisy’s responsibility for the crime, etc.).

3. What does his chivalry lead to?

4. What do I think of his chivalry?

5. What can I learn from his chivalry?

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I am always so crazy about movies since I am really young, so I chose this class to watch more films which were adapted from the classics. Due to some activities that I had to attend with all my other classmates, I missed several films including *Great Expectations*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and a part of *The Great Gatsby*. Such a pity. I finished the movie *The Great Gatsby* by myself later because it did become one of my favorite. The movie was indeed very splendid and it contained several very big scenes like those big and fancy parties thrown by Gatsby for Daisy. “Daisy Buccanan … the golden girl”. The shocking beauty for her might be too much, I guess. But Gatsby loved her for years though she has already got married and she was no longer who she was anymore. Gatsby always had hope in his heart. And it was the hope he had in the ages which were filled with money and desires made him great. Gatsby believed in the green light. He had the hope and belief which most of people could not own along their lifelong journey. The hope for the future and great things in world could be the hardest thing to find and the hardest to keep in such a long life. People may get lost among the road of choices and they may give up on their hopes for the difficulties and pain they may have to face if they carry on chasing their dreams and believing what they believed. I am not somebody like Gatsby. I don’t have the courage, I guess. Believing in the green light truly cost him. This was a tragedy but I suppose that Gatsby himself won’t regret it. Anyway, I believed in the greatness of Gatsby. （2019届高中3班王青楠）

From the teacher:

In your essay you focus on one point, i.e., the greatness of Gatsby, which is reflected through his remorseless love for Daisy and hope for a better future and great things in the world. You analyze the greatness in consistent efforts of pursuing a dream despite difficulties or pains lying ahead. A good try! Keep on with your efforts.

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关于《了不起的盖茨比》(2013)的影评：（2019届高中 9班曹佳航）

（注：原文无标题）

The film *The Great Gatsby* (2013) tells a story goes like this: Gatsby, a boy born in a poor family, had never accepted his farmer parents, so he left home when he was young and became a sailor. At about 20, Gatsby was an officer in an army school. Once he met a girl named Daisy and he fell in love with her at the first sight. Suddenly Daisy became the embodiment of the American dream. But Gatsby was still poor at that time, so he tried hard to become a billionaire and finally he did it after five years by selling wine illegally. “I” am Daisy’s relative and Gatsby met Daisy again by me

It seemed like everything was gonna be happy and Gatsby and Daisy will live a happy life. However, at the time they met secondly, Daisy has been Tom’s wife, and Daisy was a practical girl who loved money and enjoying life only. She said Gatsby was fun and cool. She said she likes him, but she never loved him, so there won't be a happy ending. At last, the distance between Gatsby and Daisy became longer and longer. Daisy didn't even attend Gatsby’s burial.

I find the story pathetic and felt pity for Gatsby, not only for Gatsby, but for everyone in the world. The American dream says if we try hard and work hardheadly, the dream will come true somehow. But the truth is always opposite to our dreams. It seems a little foolish when Gatsby fell into the swimming pool with a smile. We need to lie to ourselves so we can live on. People run closer and closer to the green light one after another, discovered the green light was “the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us”.

Gatsby was defeated by truth, but he just wouldn't give up. He beats on, “… boats against the current”, maybe that's why he is great.

From the teacher:

In this review you focus on the greatness of Gatsby by revealing his personal history of striving and his remorseless love for Daisy. You analyze what results in Gatsby’s tragedy and praise Gatsby’s perseverance in realizing his dream. “He beats on, ‘… boats against the current’, maybe that's why he is great.” That’s one of the main themes which you understand quite well. In addition, you cite properly some good sentences from the movie/novel, which proves to be a good practice. Thanks for your efforts and keep on trying!

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About dreams

------after watching *the Great Gatsby*

（2019届高中 11班李晓萌）

After watching *The Great Gatsby*, I’m deeply impressed by the spirit of Gatsby and the power of our dreams.

There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired in this world.

The story was dictated by Nick, who was the witness. His neighbor, Gatsby, was an millionaire. Gatsby strongly believed in American dreams. He believed that one can achieve his dream through efforts. He bought a villa near Daisy’s in order to attract her. But he was addicted to Daisy and didn't realize that she was no longer worth loving. I think that Daisy was like the green light, which is close to eyes but unreachable.

But this is what we called life. There is always something that we are pursuing, and there’s always a green light shining in the darkness. We run towards the green light, hopefully, although the road under our feet is full of danger.

Without doubt, life is a lonely river. We beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.

From the teacher:

In this review you try to talk about “the spirit of Gatsby and the power of our dreams”, and you give a brief account of Gatsby’s unworthy love for Daisy, yet you fail to make it clear what the spirit is. Is it running “towards the green light, hopefully, although the road under our feet is full of danger”? Anyway, your point is vague as it’s not well supported.

I think you can try to better your writing this way:

1. Give an example to illustrate Gatsby’s spirit/power of dreams, e.g. his love for Daisy;

2. Analyze the spirit/the power of dreams: remorseless love for an unworthy girl, perseverance in winning Daisy back, becoming wealthy driven by the dream, painstaking efforts in attracting her, taking her responsibility for murder, being murdered for Daisy’s sake, etc.

3. Conclude: Gatsby is great because of his spirit or because he possesses the power of dreams in a society where people care for money and earthly things and cease to dream.

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关于《了不起的盖茨比》(2013)的影评：（2019届高中 9班张宜仑）

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*The Great Gatsby* left me a deep impression. It’s about a rich man who creates hope when he manages to get his lover back. Gatsby is truly a gentle person even he lives in such a uncivilized society where people is selfish and only cares about having fun. Gatsby lives in a huge castle and he uses his money generously to host party to bring figures together and have fun. Everyone knows that Gatsby pays for the party, but what they don't know is that Gatsby holding the party aims to wait for his goddess—Daisy. Though Gatsby finds that Daisy is not better than the figures, he still regards her as his hope and his goal. He falls in love with her so deeply that he even takes responsibility for Daisy’s murder. Then, a pity man who is corrupted by this unsavable society ends Gatsby’s life. Gatsby is dead, but what he stands for reminds in our mind—the green light will always shine in our heart.

The story is fascinating and romantic, which makes me feel that I am the character in the movie. I admire the persistence of Gatsby, I hate Tom’s cold blood and I'm sorry for Daisy’s ignorance. In addition, the music in the movie is very touching, which makes me feel dreamlike when it tells the innocent love between Gatsby and Daisy and hopeful when Gatsby manages to catch the shining green light.

Gatsby tells us to go for our dreams bravely. But when we do, the reality is not that great than we think. So we should always have an unachievable dream to chase.

Hope the green light will always light our heart and guide our way.

From the teacher:

In your review you give a brief account of Gatsby’s life story which is followed by general remarks commenting some aspects of the movie, like the characters, the music, etc. It’s really a good account indeed. And I’m impressed with your good command of English reflected through your appropriate use of vocabulary and grammar. Nevertheless, I think it would be better if you focus on just ONE point instead of giving a general comment on several aspects, for in that way you can make your point clear and convincing and well-supported with examples or details from the movie. Thanks for your efforts! Keep on trying!

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*The Great Gatsby*

（2019届高中 8班赵雨彤）

*The Great Gatsby* is a drama film which stars Leonardo DiCaprio plays the role Gatsby. It is without doubt that Gatsby was mysterious. He loves a married woman and sacrificed himself to protect her as he even took the blame for something horrible Daisy had done.

Gatsby is a little bit crazy as we all did. He seemed loosing his mind to win Daisy back. He lied to her when they first met to make her believe that he is good enough for her. He did illegal business to become rich. He bought a monstrous house to get close to her. However, maybe he didn't love Daisy that much, it is about his desire for his own innocence that once he had. He still gonna be unhappy even if he gets Daisy because that’s not really what he wants though himself doesn't understand his heart.

These are my opinions.

From the teacher:

In this review you comment on the character Gatsby. Some key words are used to describe him, like “mysterious”, “crazy”, “losing his mind”, etc. You point out that Gatsby actually doesn’t love Daisy that much and that what he loves most is a decent and honorable life. You doubt whether he will be happy even if he wins Daisy back. These opinions sound quite reasonable thought I think you may strengthen these points by using some details or examples from the movie. For example, Gatsby’s refusal to run away with Daisy serves as a good example to account for his endeavor for a decent noble life rather than for pure love. Thanks for your efforts and keep on trying!