

Sample Body Paragraph

Gatsby seems to have everything a person could want, and yet Fitzgerald suggests that Gatsby is sad and lonely through metaphor. When there is a party, “a corps of caterers came down with several hundred feet of canvas and enough colored lights to make a Christmas tree of Gatsby’s enormous garden” (44). Comparing the garden to “a Christmas tree” implies that the garden is a place of color and life, filled with joy, just like the Christmas holiday. But earlier in the passage, Fitzgerald describes that in Gatsby’s “blue gardens men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars” (43). Here, the garden is described as “blue,” a color that suggests sadness, and the partygoers are not good friends of Gatsby’s, but merely “moths,” insects who are drawn to the light of his wealth. Ultimately, Fitzgerald reveals that Gatsby, despite his wealth, is truly alone, even when surrounded by dozens of people. They want his stuff--not his friendship.