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**1) What is the character’s identity now? Who does he/she want to be?**

Nick- He’s awkward and judgmental- wants to NOT be

Myrtle- tries to be a prig but she isn’t- tries to act like she’s classy

Gatsby- seen as wealthy, convivial?- wants to be rich and throw parties

Daisy- doesn’t have a defined personality/identity- follower, pushover

Tom- arrogant jerk- wants things to continue status quo

**2) What illusions is he/she presenting to the world? OR- if authentic, how are people perceiving him/her?**

Nick- social, NON-judgmental

Myrtle- authentic- perceived as a tramp

Gatsby- mysteriously, maybe dangerous and certainly intriguing

Daisy- “perfect life”

Tom- tries to be selfless and educated- but people react to him in a negative way because he’s a racist and an abusive jerk

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