PERIOD A Practice:

In the novel, Gatsby himself demonstrates the idea of a corrupt American Dream through his illegal transactions that earn him his money in order to reach his ultimate goal of being with Daisy.

Gatsby’s American Dream of working to earn money in order to be with Daisy was corrupted through the illegal means that he chose to pursue in order to attain his goal.

Throughout the story, Gatsby gives the reader reasons to believe his American Dream of being with Daisy is his central energy focus.

“He bought the house across the bay”- Nick

“He hoped she would wander into one of his parties one night”

Do anything for her- corrupted means

“’I know what your ‘drug stores’ are!’”

“’I will say I was [driving] of course’”

PERIOD E Practice:

The American Dream is corrupted in TGG through Gatsby’s illegal methods used to gain wealth and his death resulting from trying to achieve his dream.

TOPIC: Gatsby’s obsession with wealth and willingness to do anything to achieve that wealth contradicts the basis of the American Dream which promises happiness and success.