

AP English Language and Composition
In-Class Writing: Allusion in *The Great Gatsby*

F. Scott Fitzgerald in the last chapter of *The Great Gatsby* offers at least two allusions to foundational American documents, *The Autobiography* of Benjamin Franklin and *The Journals* of Christopher Columbus. **Compose a well-constructed argument that sets forth a clear position on how and to what end Fitzgerald incorporates into the novel the allusions to Columbus' and Franklin's texts.** You may have one position, or you may write two positions within a single, clear thesis if you see the uses of Columbus and Franklin as accomplishing different ends.

You should incorporate evidence from Columbus and Franklin, highlighting their connections to the novel. You should feel free to quote from the novel as well as these outside texts.

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible position.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how the evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.