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In the 1920s, Social class was a big deal. Social class is one of the major themes in the novel *The Great Gatsby*. Social class has a great influence in the book, due to the roles its characters played. The main focus in *The Great Gatsby* is the inter-relationships of people in 1920 which showed the differences between all the social classes of that time. Nick Carraway the narrator was from the middle class; but his Cousin Daisy and her husband Tom were part of the Upper class; while the Wilson's are from the lower class. In *The Great Gatsby* East Egg was a city where the upper class people lived such as Tom Buchanan, Daisy Buchanan, Jordan Baker.

These were people who happened to be super rich though, their riches were inherited. In the society, they were being acknowledged due to their high social status which enabled them gain power over everyone. They are absent-minded people who do not care about how much hurt they cause to others. An example is when Also, West Egg is another city just like East Egg in which the middle class people lived. Nick who was the narrator of the book lived in West Egg and his neighbour Gatsby. Unlike East Egg, the people who stayed here worked for their riches. This is a city where the wealthy tend to keep away from. They struggled and were involved in all sorts of things all to earn a living.

Nick seemed to be contented with his way of living because he turned down Gatsby's offer for money. Furthermore, there was a small city called Valley of Ashes which was between West and East Egg. It was being referred to as a "solemn dumping ground" (F. Scott 1925, pg27). It was being looked down on and regarded as a filthy place for the lower class people. It was the home of George and Myrtle Wilson. Finally, the relationship between

George Wilson, Jay Gatsby, Nick Carraway and Tom Buchanan explains the social standings of the 1920.

The novel manifests the difference in social class of that time. Cars were used as a symbol of wealth, the wealthy characters such as Tom and Gatsby had cars compared to George who fix cars to earn a living. Tom looked down on George and Gatsby due to his riches. He seemed to be envious of Gatsby's Mansion and went further into enquiring his source of money.

He disrespected George by having an affair with his wife, Myrtle.

The difference in social class in the 1920s was really emphasized in The Great Gatsby.