*The Great Gatsby* Discussion Questions for the IOC (Individual Oral Commentary)

1. Trace the development of one significant **motif** in the novel
2. Discuss and evaluate Fitzgerald’s use of **Nick as a narrator**.
3. Which choices did Fitzgerald make that helped us to understand **the 1920’s** as either “The Jazz Age” or as “The Roaring 20’s”?
4. How might a **‘gender lens reading’** shape your interpretation of the novel?
5. How might a **‘social class reading’** shape your interpretation of the novel?
6. How might an **‘archetypal lens reading’** shape your interpretation of the novel?
7. Fitzgerald has been said to be **the voice of his generation**. Which fears and dreams of his generation do you think Fitzgerald explored?
8. To what extent are characters in *The Great Gatsby* able to realize **“The American Dream”**?
9. Fitzgerald seems to write with a great deal of **symbolic imagery**. Which symbols were most important for developing the characters and the **novel’s themes**?
10. In what ways is Jay Gatsby **a tragic hero**?
11. Which **minor character** played the most significant role?