

**THE ROLE OF VISUAL IMAGERY IN LITERARY STYLE:  
ANALYZING “THE GREAT GATSBY” BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD**

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**Abstract:** This article explores the pivotal role of visual imagery in shaping the literary style of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby”. Through vivid descriptions and symbolic representations, Fitzgerald creates a rich tapestry that captures the decadence, disillusionment, and elusive nature of the American Dream. By examining key passages, this study highlights how visual imagery enhances thematic depth and emotional resonance. The analysis provides insights into the techniques Fitzgerald employs to immerse readers in the novel’s opulent yet morally ambiguous world.

**Keywords:** visual imagery, literary style, symbolism, “The Great Gatsby”, American Dream, F. Scott Fitzgerald

## INTRODUCTION

Francis Scott Fitzgerald (Sep 24, 1896 – Dec 21, 1940) was an American author of novels and short stories, whose works are the paradigm writings of the Jazz Age, a term he coined himself. He is consistently celebrated both for the style of his writing and for his artful insight into social manners. His most famous novel is *The Great Gatsby* (1925). «*The Great Gatsby*» gives us a profound portrait of the Roaring Twenties, of an America that is modernizing and becomes obsessed with material values. The story unfolds during the summer of 1922, the protagonist is Nick Caraway, a Midwesterner who went to Yale and decided to go to New York City. There he rents a house in Long Island next to Jay Gatsby's mansion. These characters quickly meet and get influenced by holidays of Playboy millionaire Gatsby. A distinctive and peculiar feature of this novel is the style of F. Scott Fitzgerald, including a detailed pattern of the plot. But also significant in this plot are the numerous elements of symbolism and specifically imagery. That is, the greater use of various linguistic means and expressive resources such as symbolism and imagery dominance. The pervasiveness of symbolism and imagery as a structural necessity in «*The Great Gatsby*» allows to shed particular light on a novel with such condensed storytelling techniques. These symbolic and imagery details are not just gaudy embellishments. Instead, they create a story that uses particular materials and means of language in order to establish a world of significance. They have a great effect on the reader's understanding of the novel, building a context that helps the readers to comprehend it as a whole. Literary style serves as a hallmark of an author 2019s creative identity, and among its many facets, visual imagery stands out as a powerful tool for immersing readers in a narrative. In *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald masterfully uses visual imagery to paint a vivid picture of the Jazz Age 2014 time of prosperity, extravagance, and underlying moral decline. The novel 2019s rich descriptions not only captivate readers but also serve as a vehicle to explore profound themes, including the allure and disillusionment of the American Dream.

This paper examines the role of visual imagery in shaping Fitzgerald 2019s literary style and its effectiveness in reinforcing thematic elements and character portrayal. By analyzing key symbols such as the green light, Gatsby 2019s mansion, and the Valley of Ashes, this study seeks to highlight how imagery contributes to the novel 2019s enduring appeal and its critique of societal values. Through this lens, we gain deeper insights into Fitzgerald 2019s craftsmanship and the novel 2019s place in the canon of American literature.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

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parameters of management theory, placing a moral undertow beneath the common stream of practicality and prudence, and so impressing the need for higher standards. Our underlying philosophy is that literature deserves recognition as offering a unique set of ethical business opportunities, supplementing a school of business that may see more but discerns less. Business and literary perspectives have much in common and are naturally attracted to each other. Of course, there are some risks and limitations to using business literature in the classroom for management education. Many novels portray a world that is out of step with the present day, addressing concerns that may no longer be current or even replaced. The risk of course being that we offer students solutions to non-existent business problems. However, the spatiotemporal set of business novels provides an overview of concepts and experiences, stimulating and inspiring student curiosity and interest in the extent and quality of the business attitudes. Indeed, some authors attracting both the foundations and methods in terms of how businesses may exploit their competitive advantage may be avoided. Such texts illustrate the full range of human emotions, and that the boundaries are not as straightforward as labeled, proved to be rich and meaningful.

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