

### **You Can't Repeat the Past**

The Roaring Twenties were a time of famous parties and limitless money. It was a time captured by movies, photographs and, perhaps most famously, by F. Scott Fitzgerald in his novel *The Great Gatsby*. Over the course of the novel, there are many parties, a great deal of drinking, some car crashes, and eventually several deaths, probably most importantly of the title character himself. While it may be tempting to blame Tom or Daisy, or even the murderer George Wilson, it is actually Gatsby himself who bears the greatest responsibility for his own death. He held on to his dream way past when he should have. Additionally, Daisy could never have lived up to it, and when she fell short, he refused to move on. In these ways, his death became inevitable. By the end, the famous parties were not enough to save his life.