

BOOK OR PLAY – WHICH IS THE GREATER GATSBY?

Now that you've read The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald and seen the play adaptation by Simon Levy, let's compare the two. Fill in the following chart comparing and contrasting them. (IAS RL.4.1)

	Compare – How were they the same?	Contrast – How were they different?
Characters	Nick was Skinny awkward, Tom was big / burly	Tom too laid back / generous Jordan was too friendly
Setting	Time was same	Not as glamorous / glitzy Jordan's outfits were too simple
Plot	Followed the same ideas	Had quite a few add ons Combined many main plot points



Would you say that the play was faithful to the original text? Explain your answer, citing specific examples from the book and play.

As close as can be without the play being 800 years long.
The play followed the base plot but left out specific details

Does each version have the same impact on the audience? Explain your answer.

The book made the audience attach to the characters, but the play didn't show as much emotional things

Now, review the book and play.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★★★★★ 5 Stars: Extraordinary ★★★★☆ 4 Stars: Excellent ★★★☆☆ 3 Stars: Very Good ★★☆☆☆ 2 Stars: Good ★☆☆☆☆ 1 Star: Fair ☆☆☆☆☆ 0 Stars: Poor 	<p>The Book</p> 	<p>The Play</p> 
--	---	--

Which did you rate higher? Why?

The book. The details and intimacy of everything in it make it better and more interesting