

UPPER LEVEL

The Cut-glass Bowl and Other Stories by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Before Reading

1 What names are these? Write each of the names next to the title of a story. There is one name for each story.

JIEMROAR	GREGGO	LANDOD	YVLNEY	CTHENREG
The Cut-glass Bowl
Bernice Bobs Her Hair
Gretchen's Forty Winks
Magnetism
Three Hours Between Planes

2 Look at the picture on the front cover of the book. Write a list of four adjectives that you think might describe the people in the stories you are going to read.

B After Reading Each Story

THE CUT-GLASS BOWL

3 'I am hard, cold and cruel, as you used to be,' the bowl seemed to say to Evylyn. What terrible things has the bowl done?

BERNICE BOBS HER HAIR

4 What happens the morning after the end of the story? Write:
(a) the next conversation between Marjorie and her mother.
(b) the next conversation between Marjorie and Warren McIntyre.

GRETCHEN'S FORTY WINKS

5 Here are Roger, Gretchen and George. Look again at the argument between George and Roger on pages 35 – 36. What is each of these people thinking about the others? Write two thoughts for each character.



MAGNETISM

- 6 Dolores is the maid who works for Mr and Mrs Hannaford. What does Dolores know about them? What does she think about them? Imagine you are Dolores. Write about yourself, your job and your employers.

THREE HOURS BETWEEN PLANES

- 7 This is a very short story but there is a lot of information in it. What have you learnt about each of the main characters? Make two lists of facts.

Donald	Nancy

C After Reading all the Stories

- 8 Imagine that the characters from the different stories could meet. Write a conversation between two of them. Write your conversation like a play and make a recording of it. You could write about:
- (a) George Hannaford meeting Nancy Gifford.
 - (b) Evylyn Piper meeting Marjorie Harvey.
 - (c) Gretchen meeting Bernice.
 - (d) or make your own choice.
- 9 Plan a Hollywood party for the Hannafords *or* a business dinner for Gretchen and Roger *or* a party at Marjorie Harvey's. Write about your plans for: food, decorations, what you are going to wear, who is going to come. Add drawings or photographs if you want to.
- 10 (a) An **obituary** is an article in a newspaper about someone who has died. Write an obituary for Evylyn Piper.
or (b) Write a magazine article about the film star, George Hannaford.
or (c) Write Nancy Gifford's diary for the day Donald Plant came to visit her.
- 11 Write a very short story about two people meeting after many years. Make sure that you give a lot of information about each of the people.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens and *The Creative Impulse and Other Stories* by W. Somerset Maugham are other Guided Readers at Upper Level.