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One-page description

F. Scott Fitzgerald

I am writing my term paper on F. Scott Fitzgerald, the famous American author of the twentieth century and how his life influenced his work. I will start my paper with a description of his childhood, moving on to his years in school. I will trace the development of his writing interests and skills during his young life. The next section will focus on Fitzgerald's time at Princeton University and how his university experience influenced his writing. I will describe the types of things he wrote at this time and how well they were received. I'll also link his life experiences to the topics and themes developed in his writing. The next section will be about his experiences in the army from 1917-1919 and how those affected his writing. Further development of his writing career will also be explored, including his early attempts at getting his novels published. I will explain how Fitzgerald met his wife, Zelda Sayre. Information about Fitzgerald's early life will come from two book-length biographies of him that I got from the public library.

Next I will focus on Fitzgerald's marriage and how he became a full time writer. At this point, I'll be using information from biographies as well as the online Literary Reference Center available through Badgerlink. Here I will further link Zelda's influence over Fitzgerald to his writing, and will be able to show how his novels were often based on some aspect of his life. The last part of the paper will explain Fitzgerald's later career, the loss of Zelda, and his influence on American literature in general. My conclusion will be about how Fitzgerald was a troubled person who nevertheless produced some of the greatest American literature.