F. Scott Fitzgerald biography

Activity 1- Write the correct answer (a-b or c) in the box.

1- Where and when was F. Scott Fitzgerald born?
   a. In Saint Paul, Minnesota, on September 25, 1896
   b. In Saint Cloud, Minnesota, on September 24, 1886
   c. In Saint Paul, Minnesota, on September 24, 1896

2- What did he publish at the age of thirteen?
   a. A newspaper.
   b. A story.
   c. A musical.

3- What was he doing when he wrote musicals and pieces for the Princeton Tiger Magazine?
   a. He was attending Princeton.
   b. He was teaching in Princeton.
   c. He was living in Princeton.

4- How long did he attend college before joining the army?
   a. One year.
   b. Two years.
   c. Three years.

5- Where was he stationed down when he met Zelda?
   a. In Camp Sheridan.
   b. In Camp Meriden.
   c. In a camp far from where Zelda lived.

6- What did he do when he was discharged from the army?
   a. He married Zelda.
   b. He moved to New York City.
   c. He returned to his town.

7- When was his first novel published?
   a. In 1920
   b. In 1919
   c. In 1921

8- What did *This side of Paradise* bring him?

a. He became famous but not wealthy.
b. He became wealthy but not famous.
c. He became famous and wealthy.

9- When did he and Zelda get married?
a. Before his first novel was published.
b. After his first novel was published.
c. While he was in the army.

10-How many copies of this first novel were sold at the beginning of the Jazz Age?
a- Over fifty thousand
b- Over fifteen thousand.
c- Over five thousand.

ACTIVITY 2- Fill in the blanks.

In 1924, Fitzgerald moved to _____hoping to spark his creativity. A year later, he published his_____, *The Great Gatsby*. The word Gatsby has entered the American vocabulary. You'll see people described as Gatsby-like; the event was like a Gatsby party. The word Gatsby now means something. It's still probably _____selling great American classic.

Over the course of his career, Fitzgerald wrote _____stories and published them in magazines such as *The Saturday Evening Post* and in *Esquire* and this helped financially support him in order to_____.

Fitzgerald's subsequent novels such as his _____ *Tender is the Night* never matched the _____ of *The Great Gatsby*.

By most accounts, F. Scott Fitzgerald was an_____. He struggled with_____, and he watched as his friends like Ernest Hemmingway got more and more successful while he kind of got less and less successful.

In 1937, F. Scott Fitzgerald came to Hollywood to write screen plays to make money as quickly as possible so that he could then leave town again and work on what he really wanted to do and that was write his novels.

Fitzgerald was half-way through his final novel, *The Last Tycoon*, subsequently known as the *Love of the Last Tycoon* when he died of a _____ on December 21st,_____.

In my opinion, he is the greatest writer of the twentieth century. You can take any Fitzgerald sentence and reread it because it's_____. If you take the last lines of Gatsby, "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past," who ever wrote a sentence like that? F. Scott Fitzgerald captured something essential about America with a glint of wit as reflected in a champagne glass. He's our great American writer.