Grammar Technique #1: AWUBS

1. In the space below, write down 3-4 things you remember about AWUBS….
2. ***Sample Sentences:*** Below are some sentences that use AWUBS. Please circle the AWUBS word, underline the AWUBS phrase, and fix them by adding a comma!

Example:

When it comes to Gatsby’s death, it is Daisy who is the most to blame.

1. Even though Gatsby is a big believer in love tragically that love destroys him in the end.
2. After watching the film version of *The Great Gatsby* it was impressive to see how well Leonardo DiCaprio played the role of James Gatz.
3. If I were to read this book again I would probably pay closer attention to the significance of the green light.
4. Instead of running out like a crazy person towards an oncoming car Myrtle should have stayed out of the road.
5. When I finish reading chapter two of the book I always wonder to myself, *what happened to the dog?*
6. Make two AWUBS sentence below. Remember to punctuate them correctly!

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Grammar Technique #2: Semi-Colons

1. In the space below, write down 3-4 things you remember about semi-colons…
2. ***Sample Sentences:*** Below are some sentences that need a semi-colon (either because it is a comma splice, a run on, etc.). There may even be some “super-grammar sentences” that also need to be fix; please review the sentences below and fix them as needed.
3. Nick Carraway is the only real honest character in the book, he is the only character who seems genuine and true.
4. Using special effects, like the fireworks at the party, is a great technique it made the meeting between Nick and Gatsby all the more dramatic.
5. Until the fight in the hotel room Gatsby was living in a dream world, he didn’t realize that Daisy’s love for him wouldn’t last.
6. Whenever I think of a grand party I think of Jay Gatsby his parties were infamous during the summer of 1922.
7. The book ends with Gatsby’s somber funeral. The fact nobody came to Gatsby’s funeral makes his life all the more tragic and memorable.
8. Make two sentences using a semi-colon below. Remember to punctuate them correctly! Could you try super grammar?

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Grammar Technique #3: Simple Sentences

1. In the space below, write down 3-4 things you remember about simple sentences….
2. ***Sample Paragraph:*** Below is a passage that uses simple sentences. Read through it and highlight the short, simple sentences. Then, answer the prompt below…

Jay Gatsby is the classic tragic hero. He’s flawed. His flaw is his obsessive love for Daisy. He becomes obsessed and that fixation hits a dangerous level when Gatsby is willing to lie for her. After the awful fight in New York City, Daisy takes the wheel of the car and drives home. Unfortunately the emotional fallout of her fight with Tom and Gatsby leads her to hit Myrtle head-on with Gatsby’s yellow car. So what happens to poor Myrtle? She dies. She dies and Daisy makes a horrific choice; she leaves the scene of the crime. She has just committed manslaughter, but she has Gatsby to take the fall for her because he loves her so much.

**Class/Teacher Discussion:**

*So what makes a simple sentence truly successful?*

Grammar Technique #4: FANBOYS

1. Below are some sample sentences using FANBOYS. What do you notice? What are the FANBOYS exactly?
2. Jay Gatsby is a liar, but he is also a dreamer and wanted to change the poor life he was born into.
3. Tom was the one who told Wilson about Gatsby, so he is also to blame for Gatsby’s death.
4. I loved seeing the newest film version of the book, and I also think it helped me understand the story more.

***What I notice is…***

1. Make two FANBOYS sentences below. Remember to punctuate them correctly!

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