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A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

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Theme - The theme of a novel is its insight into life. The author uses images of war and peace to emphasize the theme. Explain the meaning of the title and how it relates to the theme of the novel. Use examples from the novel as support.

Theme - The author uses World War II to help emphasize the theme. However, there are actually two wars occurring in the novel. How does Gene's personal war parallel to the actual war? How do these two wars help emphasize the theme? Support your answer.

Rising Action - Discuss Gene's resentment of Finny.

Theme - Does Gene find peace within himself?

Compare and Contrast - Compare and contrast the two major characters, Finny and Gene. How do their differences ultimately have a hand in the death of Finny?

Conflict - A conflict is a struggle between opposing forces, which can be external or internal. A major external conflict in the novel is the competition between Gene and Finny. Give examples from the novel that identify this conflict and ways in which the conflict builds up.

Conflict - The major internal conflict in the novel involves Gene. Identify and discuss the internal conflict within Gene and how this conflict has an impact on the death of Finny.

Symbolism - A symbol is something that represents something else. Many symbols are present in the novel. How is the tree a symbol in the novel? Use content from the novel to support your ideas.

Symbolism - Find three other symbols in the novel. Explain what they symbolize by using specific content from the novel.

Climax - Where does the climax occur in the story?

Falling action - What is Finny's true feeling about the war?

Resolution - What impact does Finny's death have on Gene finding peace?

Is this book an accurate depiction of friendship?
