

A Separate Peace by John Knowles (Part 1)

Chapter 1

1.-How does the Devon school look like in this moment, and how did the School look like fifteen years ago?

2.-What is the comparison between a museum and a school? Do you think the author hated the school or did he had a good time there ?

3.- Is the Gilman Street in New Hampshire a ghost town or a good place for the location of the school?

4.- What type of punishments do you think the students have in “The Cage”?

5.- What was the author looking in the field and what does he mean by the word ‘enfeebled’?

6.- Does Phineas belong to the Upper Middler and to this place, or in this place are all the students soldiers preparing for the war?

7.- Why does Elwin known as the Leper-Lepellier have this nickname, do you think in today’s time children can have that nickname too or why not ?

8.- Do the 200 students living in Devon during summer have time to loaf or do they not have time to do their studies when they heard the bell calling them?

Chapter 2

9.- Why did Finny skip nine meals and why wasn't Mr. Prud'homme careless like most of the Devon Masters?

10.- Is it possible that Finny has his own personal goals and is he preparing for something in the school? What is the effect of Finny's words with people?

11.- Why does Phineas want to be a fairy and why did Mr. Patch-Withers not stop him? Are the teachers indulgent and tolerant towards the seniors?

12.- Does Gene admire Finny for not being a conniver, or are they just good friends?

13.- Why are Gene and Finny "A suicide Society" during this Summer of 1942 ?

Chapter 3

14.- Was there any initiation routine when the Charter Members was created?

15.- Did Finny enjoy the summer's athletic program in Devon's school or does he have something against the program?

16.- We know Finny likes anarchy, but do you think the blitzball game has some type of rules or is it just a surviving game, and where did the ball for the game come from?

17.- Who is A. Hopkins Parker and in what aspect is he relevant to Finny?

18.- Finny received many trophies in school, but why did he tell Gene not to mention anything to anyone about him breaking the swimming record?

Chapter 4

19.- What did Gene need to do at ten o'clock in the morning, and do you think he was prepared to do it?

20.- Finny was an athlete and a competitor but why does Gene want to be the head of the class the day of the graduation?

21.- Does Finny was an enmity to Gene or was this rivalry on both sides? Was Chet Douglas a better student in Gene's mind or was he just another competitor?

22.- A French examination was coming in August, do the students focus on the subject ? Why did Gene say he would be Mahatma Gandhi?

Chapter 5

23.- What did happen to Finny's leg and what did Gene do later to feel like a noble man or Spanish grandee?

24.- Dr. Stanpole told something to Gene about Finny but why did Gene start crying?

25.- Why did Finny tell Gene he sounded like General MacArthur?

26.- Gene went to Finny's home to confess something, but did his confession cause more trouble, or did their friendship continue as always?

27.- Do you think Gene felt relief with what he told Finny or was he ready to start following rules of life?

Chapter 6

28.- After the service on the Chapel was over, how many strong students came out ready to begin with their schedule in the Devon School?

29.- Why did Leper collect snails, and why didn't Gene want to see them?

30.- Why wasn't the lower part of the Naguamsett ever used ?

31.- Who is Cliff Quackenbush and why did he say "Late Forrester" to Gene?

32.- Is becoming the assistant to the crew manager a good position for Gene Forrester or is a position for disadvantaged people ?

33.- Why did Gene feel offended when he was called maimed, and how did he feel at the end of the fight against Quackenbush?

34.- For what reason did Mr. Ludsbury want the icebox out of the dormitory, does this ice box have any significance?

35.- Why did Phineas surprise Gene with a phone call, and what does Gene have to do now?

Chapter 7

36.- How does Brinker Hadley look like, and does he frighten the students or do most of them like him?

37.- Is the Butt Room a dungeon place, or an interrogatory room? Describe how it looks like, and why is it called like that?

38.- Did Gene confess what happened with Finny or did he escape the room offended?

39.- In this part of the story it looks like some students know what they will do with their lives. Does Gene know what to do with his life or will someone waiting for him in his chair change everything ?