

# 100 'A Separate Peace' questions to help with recall and retention

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| 1. What is the weather like when adult Gene returns to Devon in Ch1?   | 2. Finish this sentence from Ch 1 'I felt fear's....'                    | 3. What phrase does adult Gene use to describe what he has come to see?                    | 4. What has he come to see?   | 5. How does he describe these 2 places?   | 6. What prompts the flashback in Ch1?   | 7. What is a Summer Session?  | 8. How old are Finny and Gene?  | 9. What colour shorts does Finny wear in Ch2? What does Gene call him?                         | 10. How does Gene feel about Finny in Ch2?   |
| 11. What does Finny wear as a belt at the term tea? What is the reaction?  | 12. Who are the first people to jump out of the tree?                    | 13. What is the full name of the society that the boys create? Who comes up with the name? | 14. Finish this sentence, it is the last line of Ch2 - 'Finny had practically...' | 15. What is interesting about how Ch3 begins?                                   | 16. Finish this line - 'Finny's life was ruled by...'   | 17. What are Finny's views on sports in Ch3?  | 18. What game does Finny create with the medicine ball?   | 19. What is interesting about the name of this game?   | 20. What are the rules of the game?  |
| 21. How does Leper react to the game?  | 22. What does the game reveal about Finny?                               | 23. What does Gene say about the war in Ch3?   | 24. Which style does Finny swim when he breaks the record?                        | 25. How do both Gene and Finny react to Finny's success in breaking the record? | 26. Finish this sentence from Ch3 - 'It made Finny seem too unusual for— not friendship, but too unusual for ...' | 27. What does Finny say to Gene at the beach?   | 28. How does Gene respond to what Finny says at the beach?  | 29. Why do they go to the beach?   | 30. Why does Gene fail the test in Ch4?  |
| 31. What is the word Finny uses when he says Gene would like to Head of the Class?                                 | 32. Why does Gene repeat the word 'even' in Ch4?                         | 33. What does Finny say he'll do if Gene does become Head of the Class?                    | 34. Does Finny mean this?   | 35. What is Gene thinking during this scene in Ch4?                             | 36. Complete this sentence 'You and Phineas are even already. You are even in...'                                 | 37. How are Gene and Finny different?   | 38. Who surprisingly agrees to jump from the tree in Ch4?   | 39. How does this lead to strong words from Gene to Finny?                                     | 40. What does Gene realise as they walk to the tree?   |
| 41. How does Ch 4 end?   | 42. Does anyone know what Gene did?                                      | 43. What does Gene do while Finny is in the infirmary??                                    | 44. What are the effects of the fall on Finny's future?                           | 45. Why does Gene cry when the doctor tells him Finny's diagnosis?              | 46. What are Finny's memories of the fall?  | 47. Does Gene confess when he goes to visit Gene in the infirmary?  | 48. Where is Gene from? How does this link to how he views himself?   | 49. On his way back to school after his visit home, where does Gene go?                        | 50. Why does he go here?   |
| 51. What happens when he gets there?   | 52. Who says this, why? "I'll kill you if you don't shut up."            | 53. What does Leper collect?   | 54. Who is Quackenbush?   | 55. What happens between Quackenbush and Gene?                                  | 56. What does Finny say Gene should engage in because he can't?   | 57. How does Ch6 end? Why is this significant?  | 58. What kind of a person is Brinker Hadley?  | 59. Finish this line from Brinker to Gene 'You knew all the time. I'll bet it was all your...' | 60. Where does Brinker take Gene in Ch7?   |
| 61. What happens in this room?   | 62. When it snows, what do all the boys volunteer to do? Who doesn't go? | 63. Leper spends his time 'touring'. What does this mean?                                  | 64. What is Leper looking for when he goes touring?                               | 65. What do Brinker and Gene agree they'll do together?                         | 66. Who returns at the end of Ch7?  | 67. What does Finny think of Gene and Brinker's plan?   | 68. Finish this line 'So the war swept over like...'  | 69. What examples of foreshadowing are there in Ch8?   | 70. What does Finny say about the war in Ch8?  |
| 71. What does Finny say he had been aiming for with his sports?  | 72. What does Finny train Gene for?                                      | 73. What effect does this activity have on Gene?   | 74. Who is the first to enlist? What section of the army does he enlist in?       | 75. Why does this person choose to enlist?                                      | 76. What is this person wearing the last time Gene sees him?  | 77. What does Finny invent to alleviate the boredom during the winter?  | 78. Finish this sentence 'the escape we had concocted, this afternoon of momentary, illusory, special and separate ...' | 79. How does Ch9 end?  | 80. Where does Leper go when he leaves the army?   |
| 81. What has happened to Leper?  | 82. Finish the sentence 'always were a ... underneath'. Who says this?   | 83. What are the boys playing when Gene returns to Devon after visiting Leper?             | 84. Why does Brinker think Gene is putting off enlisting?                         | 85. Where does Finny see Leper? What is Leper doing?                            | 86. Who comes and takes Finny and Gene from their room late at night?   | 87. What is the latin inscription in this room? What is the significance of this?                               | 88. Who is present at the trial? What are their roles?  | 89. What happens to Finny at the trial? Why?   | 90. Finish this line 'The two of them looked as black as—as black as ... standing up there.' |
| 91. What happens between Finny and Gene when Gene visits him for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time in the school infirmary? | 92. How does Finny die?  | 93. How is Devon transformed in the final chapter?   | 94. Which adult is with the boys at the end of the novel?                         | 95. What does this adult say?   | 96. Who does Gene say is his enemy at the end of the novel?   | 97. Complete this sentence 'I ... killed anybody and I ... developed an intense level of hatred for the enemy.' | 98. What is Leper's hat a symbol of?  | 99. What is the tree a symbol of?  | 100. What are the marble stairs a symbol of?   |