

## English I: A Separate Peace Study Guide

### Chapters 1-5

1. How many years have passed since Gene has been in school? What is the name and location of the school?
2. What two places does Gene want to visit? What does he notice about the steps?
3. What happened at the tree? Who is the first to jump?
4. As a result of the jump, what happens to their relationship?
5. What year is it? What school session is it? What is going on in the world?
6. Who is Mr. Prud'homme? What does he question Gene and Finny about?
7. How did Finny dress for the term tea? Did he get in trouble?
8. What is the name of club Finny and Gene form? What is the club membership requirement? Who were the charter members of the club?
9. What sport did Finny create?
10. What does Finny reveal at the end of Chapter 3?
11. Where did Finny and Gene spend the night?
12. How was Gene's math test? What happens when Gene tries to study his math that night?
13. What does Gene finally realize about his relationship with Finny?
14. How does Finny fall to the bank?
15. What does Gene do when Finny falls? Is he afraid of jumping now?
16. Who reports to Gene about Finny's condition? What were Gene's feelings about the accident?
17. What does Finny remember about the accident? What is the "funny feeling"?
18. Does Gene tell Finny about what happened?
19. How and where do they take Finny?
20. After vacation, does Gene tell Finny about the accident? How does Finny react?
21. Now what does Gene realize?

### Chapters 6-10

22. What school session begins in this chapter?
23. Why was Gene late? How does Quackenbush react to Gene being late?
24. What happens between the two boys?
25. What does Finny try to talk Gene into doing? What does Gene realize about the accident?
26. What do the boys do to help the men at war?
27. What was Leper doing? What is Brinker's plan? What is Gene's plan? Why does Gene's plan change?
28. Why does Gene decide not to enlist?
29. What is the "Yellow Peril"?

30. Who does Finny say “cooked [the war] up”?
31. Who is the first to enlist?
32. What does Finny organize and where does it take place?
33. Why does the carnival stop?
34. Where does Gene travel to and what does Leper call this?
35. What does Leper discuss with Gene? Why does he go AWOL?
36. What is a Section Eight Discharge and why did Leper not want this?
37. What does Leper and Gene discuss while on their walk? What does Gene do?

### **Chapters 11-13**

38. What was the only conflict Finny ever believed in?
39. How did they end the snowball fight?
40. What did Finny tape above his cot?
41. Where are most of the students of Devon?
42. How does Brinker feel about Finny’s situation?
43. Finny states all the things he doesn’t believe in, but what is the one thing he said he does believe in?
44. What made Finny know the war was real?
45. Where did Brinker and three others take Gene and Finny? Why?
46. What is Finny's story about the accident? Does Gene go along with him?
47. What does Finny do when he hears the truth about the accident? What happens to Finny?
48. What was Gene thinking at this time?
49. How has Finny been hurt this time?
50. How does Finny react when he hears Gene?
51. What did Dr. Stanpole ask Gene to and how did it go?
52. What was going on with Finny and the war all along?
53. When he goes back, what is he told and by whom? What happened?
54. Did Gene cry?
55. Why was Gene ready for the war now?