

A Separate Peace

Multiple-Choice Test

Read each question below. Then, mark the letter of the answer you have chosen.

- The setting of the novel is a—
 - school for girls during a blizzard
 - school for boys during World War II
 - hospital during the Civil War
 - farm in New England
- In the beginning of the novel, why does Gene jump from the tree?
 - He doesn't want to go against Finny's wishes.
 - He wants to conquer his fear of heights.
 - He wants to impress the other boys.
 - He is afraid of what the boys will do to him if he doesn't jump.
- Gene does not respond to Finny's courageous statement at the beach because—
 - Gene is really best friends with Leper
 - deep down, Gene feels that they may not be best friends
 - Gene is embarrassed
 - Gene thinks Finny is lying
- Finny's character can *best* be described as—
 - serious and methodical
 - boring and lazy
 - dangerous and uncaring
 - impulsive and mischievous
- One external conflict in the novel is—
 - Gene's rivalry with Finny
 - World War II
 - Gene's fight with Quackenbush
 - all of the above
- Gene decides to enlist because he—
 - wants to escape from his past
 - and Finny planned to enlist together
 - feels it is the right thing to do during wartime
 - wants to be more like Brinker
- Why does Leper call Gene a "savage underneath"?
 - Gene makes fun of Leper's mental state.
 - Leper knows Gene caused Finny's accident.
 - Gene is not sorry about Finny's accident.
 - Gene refuses to answer Leper's telegram.
- Between the Winter Carnival and Finny's fall down the stairs, which two characters change the most?
 - Gene and Finny
 - Gene and Leper
 - Finny and Brinker
 - Finny and Leper
- Why is Gene comforted by wearing Finny's clothes after the accident?
 - He has always preferred Finny's clothes.
 - He misses Finny less if he pretends to be him.
 - By becoming Finny, Gene doesn't feel as guilty about his own actions.
 - He feels that he is doing what Finny would want him to do.
- One of the *main* themes of this novel is that—
 - no good comes from making sacrifices for others
 - one's deepest loyalty should be to one's country
 - there is a fine line between innocence and experience and between peace and war
 - justice is always served in the end