

Summer Reading Assignment for *A Separate Peace*

Directions:

1. Write a one page single-spaced or two pages double-spaced response to the question from each set of chapters (3 in total).

2. Your response should follow this format:

A. Begin with a topic sentence. This ONE sentence should give a brief answer to the question. Also, mention the author's full name and the title of the work (properly formatted) in the first sentence here.

B. Next, develop at LEAST one transition sentence after the topic sentence moving into your evidence for the claim in your topic sentence. These sentences should support your topic sentence with further explanation.

C. After that, pick at least two quotes from the relevant chapters that support your explanation of the question. After each quote, you should write at least one sentence explaining what the quote shows and how it relates to your topic sentence's claim that answers the question. High-scoring responses often include much more than one sentence of explanation per each quote.

D. Finally, have ONE concluding sentence that effectively closes your response.

3. As this is your first writing assignment, I expect that you will work to clearly respond to the question. These paragraphs may require some further revising or editing when you return to school in August.

Ch. 1-5:

Evaluate Finny's response to his injury and Gene's revelation. Is the response believable? Is it consistent with Finny's previous attitudes and behavior? Support your opinions with evidence from the novel.

Ch. 6-10:

In his notes to Gene, Leper pleads, "I have escaped and need help..." Why is Gene, who is on the brink of adulthood, unable and unwilling to feel sorry for Leper? What might Gene not wish to hear? In a paragraph, evaluate Gene's response to Leper's breakdown, and explain what the response suggests about Gene. Be sure to support your opinions with examples from the text.

Ch. 11-13:

What does Gene mean when he says, "Phineas, you wouldn't be any good in the war, even if nothing had happened to your leg"? What qualities make Finny a poor candidate for military service?