

Grade 10 Summer Reading

Over the summer, you will read *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles. As you read *A Separate Peace*, you will complete a brief analysis of various quotes from the novel. I have provided the template and would like you to write directly on these pages. **This assignment will be collected the first day back to school, and we will work with the novel over the first few weeks. There will be a comprehension quiz on the novel the first Friday we are back, so come prepared.**

Required for each quote:

1. Identify the character who says this quote.
2. Paraphrase (summarize in your own words)
3. Analyze (examine the significance of quote)

Below is the rubric for how to receive full credit on both the reading quizzes & the final graded packet.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ At least two specific details or relevant examples support analysis.
- ◆ Response reflects understanding beyond plot points. Analysis includes connections to “big picture” ideas such as theme and symbolism.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ At least two specific details or relevant examples support response.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ Response reflects a generally correct idea.

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- ◆ Response given implies that student either did not read or did not understand assigned text.

Exemplar Response:

Chapter 3

“ I knew that it meant "happy," like when I'm reading about the Apollo space missions, or when I am still awake at three or four in the morning and I can walk up and down the street and pretend that I am the only person in the world. ”

Identify: Christopher (narrator)

Paraphrase: The smiley face image represents the feeling “happy.” Christopher experiences happiness when he is immersed in topics he likes such as space exploration or when he is alone and independent.

Analysis: The fact that Christopher needs visual representations of emotions is a key sign of his autism. This passage also reveals one of Christopher’s passions which is space and is closely linked to his dreams for the future as he wants to be an astronaut. While not usual for an introvert to enjoy being alone, Christopher’s description of walking around at 3 or 4am does not sound like a typical pastime and in fact may be dangerous. However, with no one else on the street, he must feel free from the pressures of social interaction and from decoding the feelings he doesn’t understand. Unfortunately for Christopher, there may be a constant conflict between his search for happiness and the demands of daily life.

A Separate Peace Quotes:

“The Devon faculty had never before experienced a student who combined a calm ignorance of the rules with a winning urge to be good, who seemed to love the school truly and deeply, and never more than when he was breaking the regulations [...]. The faculty threw up its hands over Phineas, and so loosened its grip on all of us.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“I noticed something about Finny’s own mind, which was such an opposite from mine. It wasn’t completely unleashed after all. I noticed that he did abide by certain rules, which he seemed to cast in the form of Commandments. ‘Never say you are five feet nine when you are five feet eight and a half’ was the first one I encountered.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

What was I doing up here anyway? Why did I let Finny talk me into stupid things like this? Was he getting some kind of hold over me?

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“I did not cry then or ever about Finny. I did not cry even when I stood watching him being lowered into his family’s strait-laced burial ground outside of Boston. I could not escape a feeling that this was my own funeral, and you do not cry in that case.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“I was beginning to see that Phineas could get away with anything. I couldn’t help envying him that a little, which was perfectly normal. There was no harm in envying even your best friend a little.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“Changed, I headed back through the mud. I was drenched; anybody could see it was time to come in out of the rain.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“I felt better. Yes, I sensed it like the sweat of relief when nausea passes away; I felt better. We were even after all, even in enmity. The deadly rivalry was on both sides after all.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“There is no stage you comprehend better than the one you have just left.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

“I felt fear’s echo, and along with that I felt the unhinged, uncontrollable joy which had been its accompaniment and opposite face, joy which had broken out sometimes in those days like Northern Lights across black sky.”

Speaker and chapter:

Paraphrase:

Analysis: