

Homework: **Chapter 7** of A Separate Peace

Write a single analytical paragraph on the following topic:

Analyze the quote below, discussing the ways in which Gene's character is revealed through the imagery.

It was a night made for hard thoughts. Sharp stars pierced singly through the blackness, not sweeps of them or clusters or Milky Ways as there might have been in the South, but single, chilled points of light, as unromantic as knife blades. Devon, muffled under the gentle occupation of the snow, was dominated by them; the cold Yankee stars ruled this night. They did not invoke in me thoughts of God, or sailing before the mast, or some great love as crowded night skies at home had done; I thought instead, in the light of those cold points, of the decision facing me. (93)

Remember to:

- Check your spelling and punctuation.
- Be sure you have not used contractions.
- Be sure that you have a strong thesis statement.
- Use specific language from the quote as evidence.

This is a formal writing exercise. Please put your best foot forward.