

A Separate Peace
Chapters three and four

Directions: Using the questions below, choose one idea and write a well-developed paragraph using evidence from the text to explain your idea. You must have an introductory sentence (thesis statement/controlling idea) and a concluding sentence. Be sure to explain thoroughly, yet concisely.

1. “‘There aren’t any teams in blitzball,’ he yelled somewhat irritably, ‘we’re all enemies. Knock him down!’”(30). What does “blitzball” or the use of “blitzkrieg as the background for a boy’s game show about Devon and the boys there?
2. After Finny breaks the school swimming record, delighting in his accomplishments for its own sake, Gene says, “‘You’re too good to be true...’”(36). Look for underlying meaning to Gene’s words by explaining two ways this statement could be taken.
3. When Gene thinks, “‘My misery was too deep to speak any more’”(45) what is causing Gene’s misery? Is he correct in his new opinion of Finny? What do you think is really going on with Gene?

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

- Use proper paragraph form. **I will focus on your thesis statement/controlling idea.** It should be clear and focused, with both a subject and direction.
- You have used evidence from the text (that means, a quote) **and you have followed the rules for incorporating quotes.**
- Your grammar is correct, and you have thoughtfully answered the question.

A Separate Peace
Chapters three and four

Directions: Using the questions below, choose one idea and write a well-developed paragraph using evidence from the text to explain your idea. You must have an introductory sentence (thesis statement/controlling idea) and a concluding sentence. Be sure to explain thoroughly, yet concisely.

4. “‘There aren’t any teams in blitzball,’ he yelled somewhat irritably, ‘we’re all enemies. Knock him down!’”(30). What does “blitzball” or the use of “blitzkrieg as the background for a boy’s game show about Devon and the boys there?
5. After Finny breaks the school swimming record, delighting in his accomplishments for its own sake, Gene says, “‘You’re too good to be true...’”(36). Look for underlying meaning to Gene’s words by explaining two ways this statement could be taken.
6. When Gene thinks, “‘My misery was too deep to speak any more’”(45) what is causing Gene’s misery? Is he correct in his new opinion of Finny? What do you think is really going on with Gene?

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

- Use proper paragraph form. **I will focus on your thesis statement/controlling idea.** It should be clear and focused, with both a subject and direction.
- You have used evidence from the text (that means, a quote) **and you have followed the rules for incorporating quotes.**
- Your grammar is correct, and you have thoughtfully answered the question.