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## ***A Separate Peace***: Chapter II and III Reading and Study Guide

Study guide is a combination of materials from Mr. Tyler and also courtesy Brett Lettiere, Argo Community High School, Summit, Illinois

### **I. VOCABULARY:** Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the play. *This list includes the main list I am providing to you separately!*

emblem: \_\_\_\_\_

inane: \_\_\_\_\_

pun: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibilant consonant: \_\_\_\_\_

blitzkrieg: \_\_\_\_\_

venerable: \_\_\_\_\_

inured \_\_\_\_\_

inebriating: \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. LITERARY TERMS:** Be able to define each term and apply each term to the play.

Alliteration \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreshadowing \_\_\_\_\_

Imagery \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

Symbolism \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Questions:** answer the following questions, using complete sentences. **USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR THESE QUESTIONS! DO NOT DO SECTION THREE QUESTIONS ON THIS HANDOUT!!!**

1. Examine the discourse (discussion) concerning the Masters, including the idea that they are “modifying the usual attitude”. Why are the Masters being more relaxed in enforcing the rules?
2. What name do Gene and Finny give to their group? Where are Gene and Finny when they come up with this name?
3. What sport does Finny invent and why is this important to the story? Why is different about this game and games you have seen or played?

4. How does Gene remember America during war?
5. On several occasions, Gene refers to Finny as “hypnotic”. For example, early in the story, he describes Finny’s voice as “the equivalent in sound of a hypnotist’s eyes”. Look back through this section of the novel, and find other words and phrases that characterize Finny in this way. What else do you learn about Finny’s character \_ particularly about the rules he breaks and the rules he lives by.
6. In many respects, Gene is Finny’s **foil**, or opposite. At this point in the novel, what do you think are Gene’s dominant character traits?
7. At the end of Chapter 3, after Finny “courageously” calls Gene his “best pal,” Gene is unable to return to compliment. Why does he hold back? What “truth” do you think Gene is feeling that prevents him from speaking? (Or do you think he is just less courageous, or honest, than Finny?)
8. How reliable or perceptive is Gene as a narrator? Does he make any statements or come to any conclusions that you’re skeptical about? (Were you immediately skeptical?) How would the novel be different if Finny were narrator or if it were told from the **omniscient point of view**?

**IV. Passages: the following passages might prove to be important.** Re-read the sections with these passages and think about why they might be significant? What do they mean? What are important ideas, imagery, or words? How do they add or detract from the story? Do they incorporate any literary devices?

“[Finny] had gotten away with everything. I felt a sudden stab of disappointment. That was because I just wanted to see some more excitement; that must have been it.”

**V. Close Reading:** Write down all adjectives used to describe adults in chapter 2. Then write what all the adjectives have in common and why Gene chooses to use them.