*A Separate Peace* Themes

You will be assigned a theme to trace through this book. As we read, you will be paying attention to this theme and keeping good notes on it. At the end of our reading, you will have collected evidence that will help you complete your writing assignment for this book.

1. **The friendship between Gene and Finny**

For example, do they get along well? How is their friendship best described? Does their friendship change? Why are they friends? Is their friendship good or bad or both or neither?

1. **The relationship between the war and the happenings and characters at Devon**

For example, what does Finny think of the war? What does Gene think of the war? How is the war affecting life at Devon? What might the happenings at Devon and the war have in common?

1. **Finny as a character**

For example, what is he like? What is important to him? Who is important to him? Does he change as a character (and if so, how?)? How does he respond to difficult situations?

1. **Gene as a character**

For example, what is he like? What is important to him? Who is important to him? Does he change as a character (and if so, how?)? How does he respond to difficult situations

1. **Competition**

For example, how is competition depicted in the book? Who is competitive and why and how? How might competition relate to the war? How does competition affect the characters in the book?

1. **Honesty**

For example, who is honest or not honest in the book? Who is honest with himself, and how so? Who is not honest with himself, and how so? Who is honest about what is happening around him, and how so? Who is not honest about what is happening around him, and how so? How does this honesty or lack of honesty affect the surrounding people?