Reading Questions, *A Separate Peace* Chapter 2

1. What is Finny’s response to Gene’s clothing?
2. Gene says, “After all, there is a war on.” How does Finny reply? (What is the QUOTE?)
3. Finny was not a bit like an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ striving to seem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Copy down the sentence starting with “Now, in this winter of snow and crutches . . . “
5. Does Finny agree with Gene regarding the ideas in the above sentence?
6. Brinker bursts into the boys’ room and asks Gene if Gene is ready to do what?
7. What was the ultimate question for all seventeen-year-olds that year?
8. Look carefully. Why does “the war pass[] away from [Gene], and dreams of enlistment and escape and a clean start [lose] their meaning for [him]”?
9. To whom does Finny show the most humbling sides of his handicap?
10. Finny says that when you really love something, then it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. This is like every other belief of Finny’s: it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. ACCORDING TO GENE, is Finny good at deceiving?
13. What does Finny deny the reality of (page 115)?
14. Who, according to Finny, has made up the war?
15. Finny’s face froze and he burst out three words. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
16. What does Phineas discover in himself that startled him?
17. There was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in taking aim, even if the target was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. What does Gene help Finny to get better at, AND what does Finny help Gene to get better at?
19. Gene writes “A morning shortly before Christmas vacation brought my reward.” What is this reward?
20. Finny contrasts the thinness of Mr. Ludsbury with the fatness of the men he has imagined earlier (see question 14). What does he imagine that these fat men have done/are doing?