A Separate Peace

1. Describe the town and school where the story takes place.
2. When Gene visits Devon, what things have changed and what things have remained the same?
3. Explain/describe Finney’s appearance, personality, and skills.
4. Explain/describe Gene’s appearance, personality, and skills.
5. Gene says many things that indicate guilt he feels for what he had done. Look through chapters 5-7 and write three remarks that Gene makes that suggest or state that guilt. Write the page number on which each statement is found. There are at least twenty-five to choose from, so make certain to find three.
6. There are many prophecies, foreshadowings, or hints about something that will happen in the novel. Find two and explain them.
7. This novel likely means different things to different people. Friendship, however, is definitely a theme to consider. A true friendship is not always smooth; it has peaks and valleys. Friends need each other, are often rivals, are jealous of each other from time to time, practice great loyalty to each other, and have a need for reconciliation when there is a serious disagreement. Describe Gene and Finney’s friendship. Does it seem real to you? What makes it so? If you have other ideas as to what friendship is, what are they?
8. From the novel, there are fifteen words you may not know. Define them and then use each in a sentence:
   a. matriarchal
   b. inane
   c. inured
   d. insidious
   e. idiosyncratic
   f. sinecure
   g. salient
   h. aphorisms
   i. cacophony
   j. mesmerized
   k. inveigled
   l. undulations
   m. impervious
   n. languid
   o. bellicose