

Gene & Finny's Relationship

One goal for this reading and discussion exercise is to answer some of the questions raised about Gene and Finny's relationship. We will also examine what these passages tell us about humans' capacity for evil and about how fear influences people's actions.

Process

1. You will be assigned one of the following excerpts. On your own, first read your passage. In your notebook, jot down what the passage reveals about Gene, Finny, and their relationship. Take your time, and be sure to refer to key words and phrases in your notes. Write down any question that you have.
2. You will then meet with others (in your expert group) who have looked at the same passage to discuss your analyses. Make sure to talk about how Gene and Finny are characterized and what the passage suggests about their relationship. Ask your questions, and add to your notes. Create a chart to share with your "teaching group".
3. You will now meet with students (in your teaching group) who studied different passages. Each of you will take a turn reading your passage and explaining its importance. Be sure to share the important findings of your expert group.

Passages

Example: "Was he trying to impress me... described in one word--shock" (44-45).

1. *What details best show Finny's character? Explain.*
2. *What details best show Gene's character? Explain.*
3. *What details best show their relationship? Explain.*

Passage One: "I was... I felt fine" (16-17).

Passage Two: "He had gotten away with everything... the protest of people who are weak" (28-29).

Passage Three: "We were standing on a limb...any tremendous rush of gratitude" (31-33).

Passage Four: "The last words of Finny's... which contain the truth" (48)

Passage Five: "My misery... it was all enmity" (53).

Passage Six: "I didn't know you needed to study? ... I was not of the same quality as he" (58-59).

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A Separate Peace

Character Jigsaw Exit Ticket



Directions: Respond to one of the following questions. Develop your response with well-detailed examples.

What did you learn about humans' capacity for evil through your discussion of Gene and Finny and their relationship? Explain.

What did you learn about how people are influenced by their fears through your discussion of Gene and Finny and their relationship? Explain