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A Separate Peace- Chapter 2



Part I

Directions: Answer the following questions, *in complete, detailed sentences* utilizing quotes from the book for support.

1. How does Phineas explain his and Gene's absence from dinner to Mr. Prud'homme? What does his explanation reveal about his character?
2. Why does Phineas put on the pink shirt?
3. Why does Gene envy Phineas?
4. What does Phineas do which Gene thinks will finally land him in trouble? What does Gene's reaction say about his character?
5. Gene calls the summer in which the book's events unfold his "sarcastic summer." How does Gene define sarcasm? How does he use it?

6. Why do both Finny and Gene deny that bombs have actually fallen in Central Europe? Does their age play a part in their denial?
7. What do Finny and Gene invent before they jump out of the tree together? What does Finny do before they jump when Gene loses his balance?

Part II – Vocabulary

Directions: Match the following words with the correct definition.

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| 1. _____ Clamoring | A. Ditzzy; absentminded |
| 2. _____ Commendable | B. Unreliable, prone to change |
| 3. _____ Compliance | C. Ridiculous |
| 4. _____ Eloquence | D. Obedience |
| 5. _____ Inane | E. Resounding, reverberating |
| 6. _____ Indignant | F. Admirable, worthy of praise |
| 7. _____ Resonant | G. Articulate expression |
| 8. _____ Scatterbrained | H. Group of people who vie for someone's affection |
| 9. _____ Suitors | I. Outraged |
| 10. _____ Tempermental | J. Insisting, calling out for |