

c10, Terms of *A Separate Peace*

novel – *A Separate Peace* is a novel written in the first-person viewpoint from that of Gene. It contains insights into his thoughts, the development of his and other characters' stories, and a continuation of plot.

theme – The theme of *A Separate Peace* is that the protagonist, Gene, tries to maintain a peace separate from the current war (World War II), while battling with his own demons and supposedly with his own enemy, his best friend, Phineas. The subject of the book is the conflict that Gene has with Phineas, how he is both incessantly jealous of him and also worried that Phineas is attempting to beat him—and later on in the story, how Gene is devastated when he realizes his suspicions weren't true.

protagonist – The protagonist of the story is Gene, a sixteen year old boy who attends the Devon school. His role in the story is mostly centered around the conflict between him and his best friend, Phineas, whom Gene hates to rely on and is subconsciously jealous and angry at, considering him his enemy.

setting – The story takes place during World War II, which is a constant theme and component of the book, at the Devon school in New Hampshire (and also in surrounding New England).

conflict – The two sources of conflict that Gene interacts with are his external conflict with Phineas, how Gene tries to best Phineas and stop relying on him so much, and the internal conflict Gene deals with as he deals with what he had done to Phineas, in addition to the gripping realities of the war.