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***A Separate Peace* by John Knowles**
Chapter Eleven Response Questions: Part I (152-164) and Part II (165-177)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences and on a separate piece of paper. Be sure to set-up your paper using the MLA format heading. Provide a quote where indicated.

PART ONE (pages 152-164)

1. Explain what Gene finds the boys to be doing when he returns from Vermont. Why is Gene relieved to find this is going on? (152-154).
2. Gene describes the photos on his wall as “a barefaced lie about my background” (156). Explain why you think Gene created this “false identity” (156).
3. Describe Brinker’s reaction to Gene’s news about Leper being “Absent Without Leave” (156-157). Provide a trait for Brinker based on this reaction. **[QUOTE]**
4. As graduation comes closer, most of the senior boys are making plans for enlistment. Gene states he “didn’t feel free” to take any action himself (159). Why do you think he feels this way?
5. Explain why Brinker believes Gene is not enlisting. What does Brinker want Gene, and the other boys, to start doing in regards to Finny? (160). **[QUOTE]**
6. Identify who Finny sees on campus. How does this person confirm that the war is true for Finny? Why do you think Finny initially claimed to believe the war wasn’t real? (163).



PART TWO (pages 165-177)

1. Identify two types of imagery used to describe the Assembly Room (166). What mood does this imagery create for the reader?
2. Explain Brinker's motivation in holding his 'trial.' What does Brinker want Finny to admit? Explain why he wants Finny to admit this (167-169). **[QUOTE]**
3. Explain how Finny tries to protect Gene throughout Brinker's questioning. Provide a trait for Finny based on his actions (169-170).
4. Identify the character who can confirm Gene 'jounced the limb.' Why is this person more reliable than Brinker? (172).
5. Re-read Leper's description of what he saw at the tree. How does this testimony reveal his mental state and the effects of the basic training? (175-176). **[QUOTE]**
6. Explain why you think Leper doesn't confirm what he saw at the tree (176). **[QUOTE]**
7. Why do you think Finny runs out of the Assembly Hall? What happens to him as a result? (177).

