

Taxonomy Guide for ***A SEPARATE PEACE***

	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
World War II	What do you know about World War II? Use <i>A Separate Peace</i> to complete a K-W-H-L.	From the information which you have learned through the novel, choose one idea you'd like to learn more about. Research it and write a paragraph.	Create a graphic organizer to help other students take notes while reading the novel. Include important signpost events in the plot action.	What parts of the novel present an argument for or against war? List the quote, the context it was said in, and who it was said by.	Create a visual presentation by choosing a famous person during World War II and make a poster board picture mural of him or her.	How would your life be different if you lived during WWII? Write a one page narrative "One day in the life of a..."
Characters	Draw a web depicting the relationship between characters. Include illustrations.	Illustrate a comic strip (with words) depicting a conversation that two characters have together.	Have a Roundtable discussion with other classmates using characters from the novel as your personas.	Compare characters by filling out a Semantic Feature Analysis Chart.	Write a bio poem about two of the characters in the novel.	Write a "Personals Ad" for four characters in the novel evaluating their attitudes and intentions.
Vocabulary	Choose five words that are new to you from one of the chapters. Illustrate the definitions.	Fill out a magic square vocabulary activity or create a crossword puzzle for the vocabulary words.	Complete a Vocabulary Spectrum Analysis with your own words and words from the text. (Available in box)	Choose a passage of text (from the box) and rewrite it using synonyms of the vocabulary words	Write a newspaper advice column to one of the characters using the words from the Magic Square activity.	In a short, creative story use all the vocabulary words from this unit. Words should be used in context.
Imagery	What are some of the examples of the imagery used in the novel? Complete a graphic organizer on one of the images.	How does imagery affect the reader's experience? Find imagery in the novel and pair- share.	Listen to a descriptive passage from the novel and draw a picture of how you think it would look sharing your drawing with peers.	Choose an object from the resource box and simulate the imagery used in <i>A Separate Peace</i> by describing the object	Use the guided imagery strategy to allow your mind to visit the beach with Finny and Gene. Then write your thoughts, impressions.	Write an argument about which image in the novel was most important: the tree, the marble stairs, the beach, or the doctor's office.
Themes	Fill out an Anticipation Guide regarding the lessons taught in the book. Use your opinion and the author's opinion.	Use quotes from the novel to hold a silent discussion with a partner on the thematic influence of the quotes.	Compare or contrast life during World War II with life today using a Venn Diagram.	Write an unsent letter in which you thank or criticize John Knowles for his ending using support from the book.	Create a metaphor for one of the themes in the novel. Then present the metaphor in poetry or essay form.	Stage an in-class trial against Gene using other students as witnesses, jury, attorneys and judge.

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