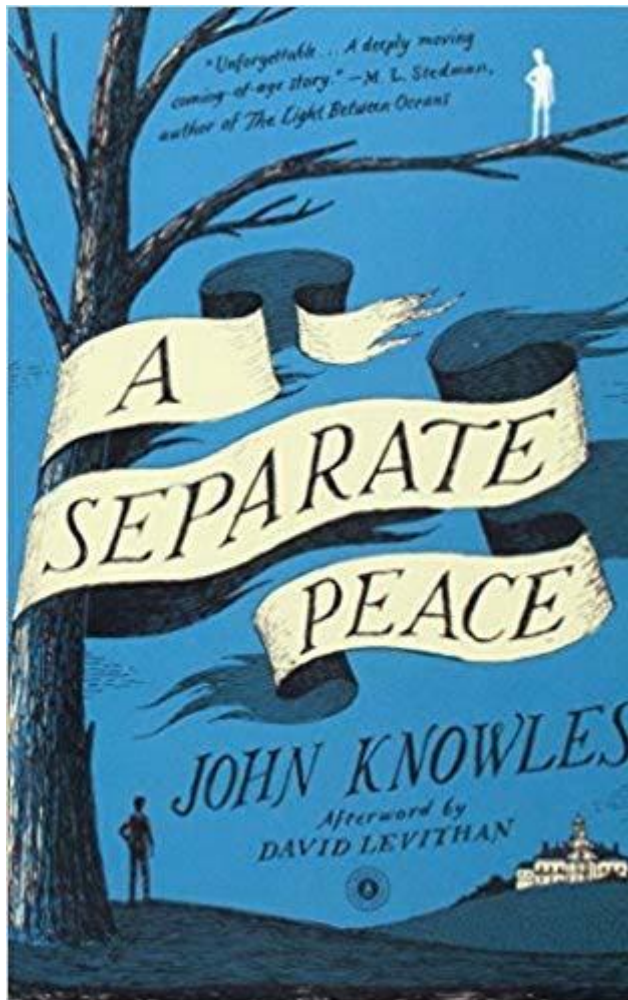


# Literature & Psychology, Level 2 (W237432)

## A Separate Peace, John Knowles

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“Set at a boys’ boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II, *A Separate Peace* is a harrowing and luminous parable of the dark side of adolescence. Gene is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, taunting, daredevil athlete.

What happens between the two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world.

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### **Directions:**

Read the novel, paying special attention to the character development of Gene and Phineas, the novel’s two main characters. In what ways do they change and grow throughout the course of the novel? Pay particular attention to any behaviors that are surprising or unusual.