

A SEPARATE PEACE: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles to the movie version *A Separate Peace* (2004) starring J. Barton, Jacob Pitts, Toby Moore, Danny Swerdlow, and Hume Cronyn. Showtime.



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**THE MOVIE VERSION OF *A SEPARATE PEACE*
IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by John Knowles**

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ **Characters:** ★★☆☆☆ **Setting:** ★★★★★

Structure: ★★☆☆☆ **Symbols:** ★★★★★ **Theme:** ★★★★★

THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1

Opening scene: A camera pans around a dormitory room at a private boys' school one night in February 1943. (**ERROR:** The opening scene in the movie occurs in Chapter 11 of the book)

A flashback begins. (**ACCURATE**) Sixteen-year-old Gene arrives for the summer session at Devon, a private high school for boys in New Hampshire. (**ACCRUATE**) Gene's voice is heard in the background saying he can't believe that he made it to Devon, a school for rich kids. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Gene opens the door to his dormitory room and meets his roommate Phineas (Finny) who is doing pushups. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Finny asks Gene how tall he is and Gene says five foot nine. (**ACCURATE**) Finny disputes Gene's height, saying Gene is five foot eight and a half. (**ACCURATE**) Finny asks Gene when his birthday is, and the boys discover their birthdays are in October a few days apart. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Finny remarks that they are almost twins. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Finny notices how neatly Gene has packed his suitcase. (**ERROR:** Not in the book)

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *A Separate Peace* (2004) starring J. Bartton, Jacob Pitts and Toby Moore to the novel *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles.

- ___ 1. In the movie and the book the setting of the story is at Devon, a private high school for boys in the state of
a. New Hampshire b. Vermont c. Massachusetts d. Connecticut
- ___ 2. In the movie and the book the senior boys at Devon jump from a tree into the river as training for
a. parachute jumps b. Olympic trials c. jumping off troop ships d. hiking
- ___ 3. In the movie and the book Finny attends the Headmaster's tea wearing a pink shirt and
a. green pants b. a plaid jacket c. a deer-stalker's hat d. a necktie as a belt

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