

Part 1. Character Identification. Choose the character who best fits the description.

- A. Finny B. Gene C. Brinker D. Quackenbush
E. Leper F. Mr. Prud'homme G. Mr. Patch-Withers H. Chet Douglas

- ____ 1. narrator of the story
____ 2. laughed at Finny wearing the school tie as a belt
____ 3. first to enlist
____ 4. has a snail collection
____ 5. fights Gene over the crew team
____ 6. jounces the limb
____ 7. Gene's only competition for valedictorian
____ 8. does not understand that Gene needs to work hard at school
____ 9. bullies Leper
____ 10. suspects Gene of involvement in Finny's fall

Part 2. Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

- ____ 11. Gene's time at the Devon school and the greatest part of the novel's story covers how much time?
A. one week
B. one month
C. one year
D. two years
- ____ 12. When does Gene realize that Finny is not jealous of his studies?
A. when they go to the beach
B. just before the fall from the tree
C. after the trial
D. several years later

- _____ 13. At Finny's home, Gene
- A. tries to tell Finny the truth, but can't
 - B. blames the incident on Leper
 - C. totally blames Finny for the fall
 - D. tells Finny the whole truth
- _____ 14. Why does Finny want Gene to train for the Olympics?
- A. to replace himself
 - B. he always wanted to coach
 - C. patriotism
 - D. to get even with Gene by making him work extremely hard
- _____ 15. Why does Finny invent the story of the imaginary war?
- A. to be funny
 - B. he is crazy
 - C. to be different from the other boys at school
 - D. to cover up his feelings of wanting to be a soldier
- _____ 16. How does Finny react to Gene's first visit to the infirmary after the trial and second fall?
- A. with relief
 - B. with joy
 - C. with anger
 - D. with little emotion
- _____ 17. Leper's telegram interrupts
- A. the Super Suicide Society meeting
 - B. the Winter Carnival
 - C. the trial
 - D. the end of term party
- _____ 18. How do the boys react after Finny's fall down the stairs?
- A. panic-stricken
 - B. laughingly
 - C. calmly and rationally
 - D. with little concern
- _____ 19. At the end of the story, Finny
- A. does not believe Gene's interpretation of what happened at the tree
 - B. says his relationship with Gene is forever destroyed
 - C. blames himself for the accident
 - D. says Gene was motivated by a "blind impulse"

- _____ 20. Brinker enlists in the Coast Guard because
- A. his father wants it
 - B. it will allow him to be active in combat very soon
 - C. he saw a film about it that impressed him
 - D. his is not likely to be in combat
- _____ 21. How did Leper become a connection between the boys and WWII?
- A. he is killed
 - B. he writes them letters from the front
 - C. he is the class's first successful soldier
 - D. they fantasize about his exploits and successes
- _____ 22. Phineas "with only one leg created a droll dance. . .it was his choreography of peace."
Where does this dance occur?
- A. at the beach
 - B. during a Super Suicide Society meeting
 - C. during the Winter Carnival
 - D. after the first Devon school tea
- _____ 23. He wrote the poem "Our chore / is the core / of the war."
- A. Chet Douglass
 - B. Leper Lepellier
 - C. Gene Forrester
 - D. Brinker Hadley
- _____ 24. Gene believes wars are caused by
- A. the old men
 - B. something ignorant in the heart
 - C. greedy leaders looking for more natural resources
 - D. fights between friends

Part 3. True or False. Write *true* in the blank if the statement is completely true, or write *false* in the blank if the statement is false.

- _____ 25. Gene wrote a uniform but never saw combat.
- _____ 26. Most of the boys were sixteen to seventeen during the course of the novel.
- _____ 27. Gene never tells Finny the truth about the cause of the fall from the tree.
- _____ 28. Finny was never in competition with Gene for anything.
- _____ 29. Gene's fear of jumping out of the tree is an external conflict.

- _____30. The faculty think of Finny as a trouble-maker and take joy in catching him breaking the rules.
- _____31. At the end of the story, Finny's obviously shaking hands cause Gene to open the conversation about the fall from the tree.
- _____32. When Gene and Finny got to the beach, they are breaking the rules in doing so.
- _____33. Gene and Finny reconcile at the end of the story.
- _____34. Gene admits to himself that he is disappointed when Finny is not punished by the masters when Finny breaks a school rule
- _____35. Finny makes up the game of Blitzball to intentionally showcase his incredible talent for sports.
- _____36. Gene is an exceptional athlete, while Finny is an exceptional student.
- _____37. Gene is never able to stop talking about Finny's death.
- _____38. Gene tells Finny he'd make a terrible soldier because he'd get things so scrambled up nobody would know who to fight anymore.
- _____39. The climax of the novel occurs when Gene abandons Leper in the snow.

Part 4. Quotation Identification. Identify the speaker of these lines from the characters below. Some may be used more than once.

A. Gene

B. Finny

C. Leper

D. Brinker

_____40. "Do you think I want to hear every gory detail? Shut up! I don't care! I don't care what happened to you. This has nothing to do with me."

_____41. "We aren't going to talk about this. It's just between you and me. I just wanted to see if I could do it."

_____42. "There aren't any teams. We're all enemies."

_____43. "I'm no fool, you know. I know when I have information that might be dangerous. You've never realized it, but I'm important."

_____44. "You always were a savage underneath."

_____45. "You've got a little personal stake in this. What I mean is it wouldn't do you any harm, you know, if everything about Finny's accident were cleared up and forgotten."

_____ 46. “When I heard [that Leper was crazy], then I knew that the war was real, this war and all the other wars”

_____ 47. “It was just some ignorance inside me, some crazy thing inside me, something blind, that’s all it was.”

_____ 48. “[My dad] and his crowd are responsible for [the war]! And *we’re* going to fight it!”