

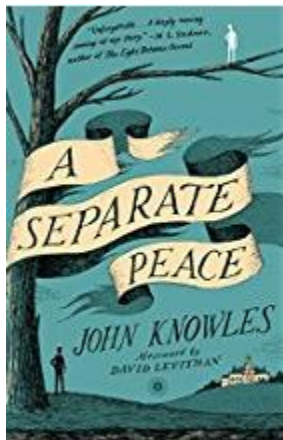
Honors English 2 Summer Reading Assignment

As required reading for Honors English 2, you are to read and closely annotate the novel *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles. You may consult the NCHS library, any of the Naperville libraries, local bookstores, or purchase your text online from Amazon.com or Half.com, etc. Obviously, if you purchase your own text, you may annotate directly in your book; if you borrow a copy, sticky notes (with notes!) are acceptable as well.

This text will be the basis of the following work during the first week(s) of the school year, including:

- Reading test
- Discussion
- Small group work
- Process essay to begin your career as an HE2 writer.

A brief summary of the novel is as follows:



From Amazon.com:

An American classic and great bestseller for over thirty years, *A Separate Peace* is timeless in its description of adolescence during a period when the entire country was losing its innocence to World War II. Set at a boys' boarding school in New England, *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.

