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


e. Leper          f. Mr. Prud’homme  g. Mr. Patch-Withers  h. Chet Douglass

_B___1. narrator of the story
_G___2. Laughed at Finny wearing the school tie as a belt
_E___3. first to enlist
_E___4. has a snail collection
_D___5. fights Gene over the crew team
_B___6. jounces the limb
_H___7. Gene’s only competition for valedictorian
_A___8. does not understand that Gene needs to work hard at school
_C___9. bullies Leper
_C___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 really 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' 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?
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 and False. If any portion of the question is false, the whole thing is false.

__T__ 25. Gene wore a uniform but never saw combat.

__T__ 26. Most of the boys were sixteen to seventeen during the course of the novel.

__F__ 27. Gene never tells Finny the truth about the cause of the fall from the tree.

__T__ 28. Finny was never in competition with Gene for anything.

__F__ 29. Gene's fear of jumping out of the tree is an external conflict.

__F__ 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.

__T__ 32. When Gene and Finny got to the beach, they are breaking the rules in doing so.

__T__ 33. Gene and Finny reconcile at the end of the story.

__T__ 34. Gene admits to himself that he is disappointed when Finny is not punished by the masters when Finny breaks a school rule.

__F__ 35. Finny makes up the game of Blitzball to intentionally showcase his incredible talent for sports.

__F__ 36. Gene is an exceptional athlete, while Finny is an exceptional student.

__F__ 37. Gene is never able to stop talking about Finny's death.

__T__ 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.

__F__ 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

___A__ 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."

___B__ 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."

___B__ 42. "There aren’t any teams. We’re all enemies."

___C__ 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."

___C__ 44. "You always were a savage underneath."

___D__ 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."

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

___A__ 47. "It was just some ignorance inside me, some crazy thing inside me, something blind, that's all it was."

___D__ 48. "[My dad] and his crowd are responsible for [the war]! And we're going to fight it!"
Part 6. Chronological Order. Order the events in the order in which they occur in the novel.

Label 1-4
___1___ Bliztball is invented
___3___ Finny comes back to school.
___2___ Finny falls from the tree.
___4___ Gene goes on trail in the butt room

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___4___ Finny falls on the stairs
___2___ The Winter Carnival
___1___ Leper enlists
___3___ Gene is on trial in the First Academy Building