THEME: Often described as the “main idea” of a particular piece of writing

Also defined as a truth about life or human nature

There are several themes in A Separate Peace. I would like for you to consider for following themes as they apply to this novel. Please jot down specific support for points (events from the novel, thoughts of a character(s), Devon compared to the “outside world,”…)

Hint: What does the novel suggest about the themes? What truth about life or human nature does it explain or illustrate?

DIRECTIONS: Save a copy of this file to your flash drive. However, your answers must be written on paper.

1. Man’s inhumanity to man
2. Friendship
3. Microcosm parallels macrocosm
4. Life’s contrasts
5. Escape from reality
6. Conformity vs. nonconformity

Study for unit test

Summer substitute Master

Chaplain

Trumpet player

Coast Guard Member

Popular and athletic

Devon’s physician

Holder of the 100-yard free-style record

“The war is a bore.”

“Give ‘er the old college try…”