***A Separate Peace* Close Reading Ch 1**

*All answers can be found in the pages before the narrator flashes back. Answer with complete sentences and substance!*

1. In the first paragraphs, John Knowles uses several descriptive phrases to describe the school to which he is returning, and comments that it now looks more like a “museum.” List specific words or phrases that describe the state of the school today, then describe how it must have been in the past.

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| **Devon now as he returns described as:** | **Describe how Devon must have seemed in the past:** |
| **“oddly newer”** | **Old, broken in** |
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| **Like a “museum”** |  |

1. Knowles states, “In the deep, tacit way in which feeling becomes stronger than thought…” What are some situations or ways in your life that in an unspoken (tacit) way, your feelings about something override what you know to be true about it?
2. If his old fears were “preserved… like stale air in an unopened room,” what does that say about how he feels now?
3. What does he notice and remark about the trees he remembers from his past?
4. Before the flashback to his past which consumes most of the novel, the narrator speaks of it being “time to come in out of the rain.” What might this signal about the story to come?