

CHARACTERS OF INFINITE JEST



The Incandenzas

- James Orin Incandenza
Filmmaker // Founder of E.T.A. // Committed suicide in a microwave // Nicknames: Himself, The Mad Stork, The Sad Stork, Jim
- Avril Incandenza (née Mondragon)
James' Widow // Involved in running E.T.A. // Affiliated with the Militant Grammarians // Nickname: The Moms
- Hal Incandenza
Youngest Incandenza child // Protagonist // Student at E.T.A.
- Mario Incandenza
Middle Incandenza child // Born with deformities // Filmmaker
- Orin Incandenza
Oldest Incandenza child // Punter for the Arizona Cardinals // Serial womanizer // Cockroach killer
- Charles Tavis
Head of E.T.A. // Avril's half or adoptive brother

The Enfield Tennis Academy

- Michael Pemulis
Hal's best friend // Prankster // Drug dealer // Eschaton champion // Not destined for The Show
- John "No Relation" Wayne
Top-ranked player at ETA // Discovered by James Incandenza during interviews of men named John Wayne for a film
- Eric Clipperton
Won tennis matches by threatening to kill himself if he lost
- Other Prominent E.T.A. Students
Ortho The Darkness Stice, Jim Troelsch, Trevor (The Axhandle) Axford, Ann Kittenplan, Ted Schacht, LaMont Chu, U.S.S. Millicent Kent Gerhardt Schtitt
- Dr. Dolores Rusk
Staff counselor at E.T.A. // In counseling sessions, just rephrases as a question the last thing said by the patient
- Lateral Alice Moore
Member of the E.T.A. administrative staff
- Cantrell
Member of the E.T.A. administrative staff
- Lyle
Lives in the E.T.A. weight room and dispenses advice

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The Ennet House Drug and Alcohol Recovery House

- Don Gately
Protagonist // Former thief //
Demerol addict // Counselor in
residence at the Ennet House
- Joelle Van Dyne
Radio talkshow host // For-
mer lover to Orin // Starred
in many of James Incandenza
films // Wears a veil // Nick-
names: Madame Psychosis,
P.G.O.A.T. (The Prettiest Girl
of All Time)
- Kate Gompert
Cannabinoid addict // Suffers
from extreme unipolar depres-
sion
- Pat Montesian
The Ennet House manager
- Ken Erdedy
Cannabinoid addict
- Bruce Green
Ex-husband of Mildred Bonk-
Green
- Tiny Ewell
A lawyer with dwarfism // Ob-
sessed with tattoos

The Detectives

- Hugh Steeply (a.k.a. Helen
Steeply)
Agent for O.U.S. // Currently
in disguise as a female reporter
profiling Orin
- Remy Marathe
Member of the A.F.R. (sep-
aratists) // Quadruple-agent
who secretly talks to Hugh
Steeply
- M. Fortier
Marathe's superior

Other

- Johnny Gentle
Famous crooner // Former
singer // Leader of C.U.S.P.
// President of the United
States // Responsible for
O.N.A.N. // Responsible for
Great Con(cav—vex)ity //
Responsible for subsidized
time // Germaphobe
- Rodney P. Tine
Chief of the O.U.S. // Chief
and part of (or adviser to) the
Gentle administration
- Poor Tony Krause
Almost killed by Drano-spiked
heroin // Accidentally steals a
woman's artificial heart // Has
a seizure while in withdrawal
// Nickname: P.T. Krause
- Stavros Lobokulas
Gately's partner in cleaning
the Shattuck Shelter

COMMON ACRONYMS OF INFINITE JEST



A.F.R. - Les Assassins des
Fauteuils Rollents (The
Wheelchair Assassins)

*Québécois extremist separatist
group. Developed after the
United States coerced Canada
and Mexico into joining
O.N.A.N. Wants Canada to
secede from O.N.A.N.*

A.A./N.A. - Alcoholics
Anonymous / Narcotics
Anonymous

*Program followed in Ennet
House.*

B.S. - Before Subsidization

*Before the years were sponsored
by companies. Last year B.S.
2001.*

C.U.S.P. - Clean U. S. Party

*Johnny Gentle's pro-hygiene
political platform.*

E.M.P.H.H. - Enfield Marine
Public Health Hospital complex

*AKA Enfield Marine VA
Hospital Complex. Managed by
U.S. Veteran's Administration.*

E.T.A. - Enfield Tennis
Academy

*Boarding school in Enfield, MA.
Tennis Academy for talented
players. Hal Incandenza is a
student, James Incandenza was
the director.*

O.N.A.N. - Organization of
North American Nations

*A unified North American
superstate. President Johnny
Gentle. United States coerced
Canada and Mexico into joining.*

O.U.S./U.S.O.U.S/B.S.S. -
United States Office of
Unspecified Services / Bureau
des Services sans Spécificité

*Government spy agency. Hugh
Steeply works for them.*

O.N.A.N.T.A. - Organization of North American Nations Tennis Association

Urine testing, Toxologist.

T.P. - Teleputer

AKA TP. Combination television/VCR/computer/videophone. Entertainment device.

U.H.I.D. - Union of the Hideously and Improbably Deformed

Agnostic-style 12-step support-group for people. Joelle Van Dyne becomes a member.

W.Y.Y.Y. - Radio station

Radio station found on FM-109. From MIT in Cambridge, MA. Madame Psychosis has a talk show.

CHRONOLOGY OF INFINITE JEST



1. Before Subsidization
2. Year of the Whopper
3. Year of the Tucks
Medicated Pad
4. Year of the Trial Size
Dove Bar
5. Year of the Perdue
Wonderchicken
6. Year of the Whisper-Quiet
Maytag Dishmaster
7. Year of the Yushityu 2007
Mimetic-Resolution-
Cartridge-View-
Motherboard-Easy-To-
Install-Upgrade For
Infernatron / InterLace
TP Systems For Home,
Office Or Mobile [sic]
8. Year of Dairy Products
from the American
Heartland
9. Year of the Depend Adult
Undergarment
10. Year of Glad