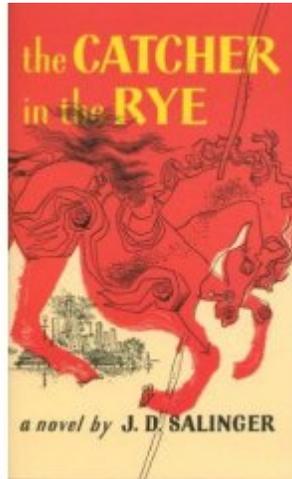


English II Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Assigned Novel: *The Catcher in the Rye*

Author: J. D. Salinger



- I. Reading Assignment
 - a. The novel must be read by the **first day of class**.
 - b. Each student must be able to discuss and to analyze the novel by the first day of class.

- II. Unit Test
 - a. The objective and essay sections of the unit assessment will be given the second day of the class.
 - b. Additional work will be assigned in class following the assessment.

The Catcher in the Rye Reading Guide

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(This is a guide. In order to be successful on the unit test, you should be able to answer the following questions in detail. You must also be prepared to discuss various elements of literature, such as theme, mood, character development, plot, figurative language, etc.).

Chapters 1-12

1. How had Holden ruined the day for the fencing team?
2. Did Holden's opinion of Mr. Spencer go up or down during his visit? Why?
3. What had Holden purchased in NYC?
4. What sort of person is Ackley?
5. What sort of person is Stradlater?
6. How does Holden react to his discovery of the identity of Stradlater's date? Why?

7. How does Holden carry out his second promise to Stradlater?
8. Why did Holden take a punch at Stradlater?
9. Why is Holden crying when he leaves Pencey?
10. What lies does Holden tell Mrs. Morrow on the train?
11. Who is Hazel (or "Hazle") Weatherfield?
12. Are Holden's memories of Jane Gallagher good or bad? Why?
13. What does Holden think of all the people (including Ernie himself) in Ernie's bar?

Chapters 13-20

14. What happens to Holden in the elevator back in the hotel?
15. How does Holden feel when he's talking to Sunny, and how much does he pay her?
16. Is Holden religious? Explain.
17. After Maurice slugs him, what does Holden fantasize?
18. How does Holden feel about the two nuns at the lunch counter?
19. What is a little boy singing as he walks down the street? How does the song make Holden feel?
20. Why does Holden like the roller-skating girl?
21. Does Holden go in to the museum? Explain.
22. After they ice skate and rest, what does Holden suggest to Sally? Why?
23. What was (and still is) Luce's advice to Holden?
24. Who is finally kind to Holden?
25. What accident happened to Holden on his way to Central Park?
26. What did Holden think about as he sat by the pond in the park?

Chapters 20-26

27. How does Holden feel when he looks at Phoebe sleeping?
28. What question does Holden keep repeating to Phoebe?
29. What discovery does Phoebe soon intuitively make?
30. Explain what on thing Holden says he's like to be?
31. What does Holden remember best about Mr. Antolini?
32. As Holden is leaving, what do he and Phoebe give to each other?
33. What does Mr. Antolini predict lies ahead for Holden?
34. What does Holden worry about after he wakes up later in Grand Central Station?
35. What does Holden find "spooky" when he's walking down Fifth Avenue?
36. What is Holden's escapist plan?
37. How does Holden react to the obscenities he sees on the wall?
38. Why is Phoebe lugging a suitcase with her?
39. At the carrousel how do Holden and Phoebe show that they really do love each other?
40. Where is Holden at the end of the story?