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The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

Author _____

of Pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting(s) _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Point of View - This book is a narrative written from the first-person point-of-view. Explain the benefits of this story being told from Holden Caulfield's point of view. How might this story be different if someone else wrote it?

Conflict - Holden Caulfield suffers from escalating mental and emotional pains throughout the novel. Describe how the reader first becomes aware of this and to what extent Holden realizes that something is wrong. How do other characters help to reveal his conflict?

Rising Action - What influences Holden's sudden departure from Pencey Prep? What are some of the experiences he has while he is New York City? How do these affect his mental state?

Discovery - What are some of the things that Holden Caulfield discovers about himself and about others throughout the story?

Climax - What is the turning point in Holden's story? What events made a major impact on his life?

Resolution - Explain the obstacles that Holden Caulfield faced and give your opinion as to whether or not he overcame them. What does the last chapter of the book reveal to the reader about Holden's future?

What did you like best about this book? What did you like the least?

What else would you have liked for J.D. Salinger to have included or expanded upon in Holden's narrative?

Would you recommend this book for others to read? Why or why not?
