

Honors English 10 – Summer Reading Assignments

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger is the novel selected for your summer reading and writing assignments. Please purchase this novel so that you can write in the book as you identify main characters, events, and important quotations. The directions for reading and responding to the book are below. All work should be word-processed and saved for later use. Printed copies of the assignments are due the first day of class. Also, on the first day of class, a test on *Catcher* will be given.

The Catcher in the Rye

This novel is a "framed" story in which the narrator tells what has happened to him in the beginning of the novel, describes the events that have lead to his hospitalization during the novel, and in the end, takes the reader back to the present.

Part I:

For each fifth of the book (chapters 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, and 21-26) highlight or underline the name of each new character as you read. On paper, list the major characters, describe their physical appearance and age, their personality, **and** their relationship with the main character, Holden Caulfield. In explaining the relationship include each character's thoughts and feelings toward Holden and Holden's thoughts and feelings toward him or her.

Part II:

After reading the book, select and describe the 10 most disappointing events and the five happiest moments. For each event and character, select a quote that illustrates this event. Write page number of quotations.

Follow this format:

1. Description of event and characters involved
2. Quote (w/pg.#)
3. Explain why you included this event in list of positive or negative experiences.

