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| Driving Questions | Initial Answer | Final Answer |
| What experiences in Holden’s life have contributed to his perspectives on life and the world around him? Explain. | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| What characters surround Holden’s story, and what impact do they have on Holden? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| Holden regularly comments on his disgust for disingenuous “phonies.” How  does Holden view authenticity, and is Holden as authentic as he wants others to be? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| In what ways can you read the ambiguous ending of this novel? Explain. | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| How does the novel’s setting (time period and location) impact Holden and his perspective on life? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| What does the title of the book mean in terms of Holden’s character and the novel’s themes? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| How does the novel explore mental health and its treatment in the 1940s through the character of Holden? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |
| What other themes beyond authenticity can be explored through this novel? | Text evidence: | Text evidence: |