



# The Catcher in the Rye Driving Questions

| Driving Questions                                                                                                                                            | Initial Answer | Final Answer   |
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| 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: |

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| 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: |