



The Catcher in the Rye Holden's Surroundings

The setting of *The Catcher in the Rye*, or the time and place in which the story happens, plays a significant role in the story while providing important details about Holden's character and the themes of the novel.

Use the charts below to:

1. identify the important details surrounding the time (when) the story takes place.
2. identify the important places (where) the story takes place.
3. describe the impact or mood that these details (when and where) create in the story or about Holden's character.
4. include supporting evidence from the text in the form of quotes, with page number citations.

Setting: The When		
	Details: Provide 2 text examples and/or details that describe this time period in the setting.	Impact: Explain the importance of this time period to the story.
The Past: Holden's Childhood		
More Recent Past		
Present/Time of Narration		
Time Period in Society		

Setting: The Where		
	Details: Provide 1–3 text examples and/or details that describe this location.	Mood/Impact: Explain how this location impacts the mood or the story.
Pencey Prep	<i>Old Spencer’s house/bedroom—describes medicines/pills, big leather chair, magazines, piles of papers, ratty bathrobe/blankets, and a hard bed</i>	<i>Depressing—Holden connects this location with adulthood</i> <i>“It was pretty depressing . . .” (p. 10)</i>
New York City		
Where Holden Narrates From		

RL.9–10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9–10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.