

Catcher in the Rye

Worksheet

Chapter 1

1. What does Holden mean when he says that his brother D.B. is out in Hollywood "being a prostitute"?
2. Where is Holden as the story begins?
3. Where and what is Pencey Prep?
4. How did Holden let the fencing team down?
5. Why was Holden being kicked out of Pencey Prep?
6. What kind of health does Holden appear to be in?

Chapter 2

1. Who is Mr. Spencer and why does Holden visit him?
2. What did Spencer do that particularly annoyed Holden?
3. What does Holden give us as the reason for "leaving" Elkton Hills?

Chapter 3

1. What does Holden mean when he says "I'm quite illiterate, but I read a lot"? Give examples of what he reads.
2. Who is Ackley? Describe him.
3. What does Ackley do that annoys Holden?