

# Upper School English Summer Reading Assignment (Grade 10) 2022-2023

## PreAP English 10

All students enrolled in PreAP 10th grade English in the fall must read the required text selection below, *The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger. Complete the [Dialectical Journal](#) assignment as you work your way through the novel. Your journal will be turned in as an assignment and will be used for coursework when you return to school.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and find some sacred time to relax, read, and reflect!

Please contact me via email with any questions.

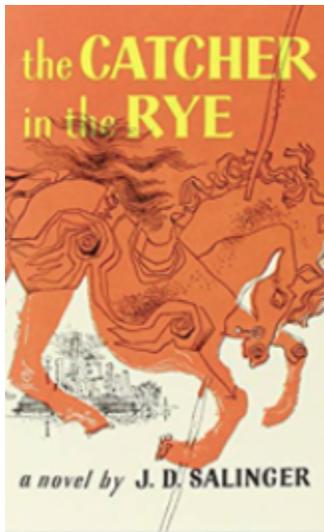
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## Required Book

### *The Catcher in the Rye*

By JD Salinger

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The "brilliant, funny, meaningful novel" (The New Yorker) that established J. D. Salinger as a leading voice in American literature--and that has instilled in millions of readers around the world a lifelong love of books.

The novel details two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, Holden searches for truth and rails against the "phoniness" of the adult world.

Throughout, the author engages with themes of growing up, change, and the protection of childhood innocence.

## Dialectical Journal Directions

The term “Dialectic” means “the art or practice of arriving at the truth by using conversation involving question and answer.” Think of your dialectical journal as a series of conversations with the texts we read during this course.

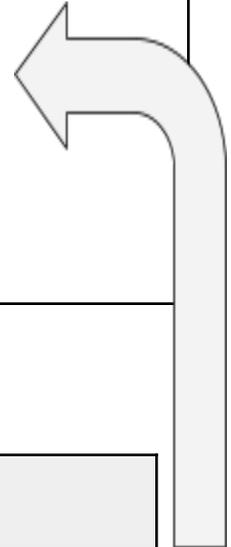
### PROCEDURE:

- ❑ As you read, choose passages that stand out to you and record them in the left- hand column the chart (ALWAYS include page numbers).
- ❑ In the right column, write your response to the passages you choosing using the three prompts below (Respond, Analyze, Evaluate)

**Respond:** What did you like or dislike about the passage? Why were you drawn to it? What was the emotional response you had to the words? What did it make you think about?

**Analyze:** Why do you think this quote was placed in the chapter at this point? You should refer to events before or after the quote to give context for your answer.

**Evaluate:** How does the quote extend beyond the text? Does it address a world value, moral problem...universal theme? Why is this quote important?



Recreate the following graphic organizer in a google doc. This doc will be submitted in our class google classroom when you return to school. A sample entry has been done for you.

Quotation (At least 10) entries spread across the novel	Page #, chapter	Respond, Analyze, Evaluate
Example Passage: <i>from 1984</i> It was an enormous pyramidal structure of glittering white concrete, soaring up, terrace	Page 4, Part 1	Sample response: (Respond) I was immediately drawn to the irony of this passage. The Party's slogan is so

after terrace, 300 meters into the air. From where Winston stood it was just possible to read, picked out on its white face in elegant lettering, the three slogans of the Party:

*WAR IS PEACE*  
*FREEDOM IS SLAVERY*  
*IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH*

The Ministry of Truth contained, it was said, three thousand rooms above ground level, and corresponding ramifications below. Scattered about London there were just three other buildings of similar appearance and size. So completely did they dwarf the surrounding architecture that from the roof of Victory Mansions you could see all four of them simultaneously. They were the homes of the four Ministries between which the entire apparatus of government was divided. The Ministry of Truth, which concerned itself with news, entertainment, education, and the fine arts. The Ministry of Peace, which concerned itself with war. The Ministry of Love, which maintained law and order. And the Ministry of Plenty, which was responsible for economic affairs. Their names, in Newspeak: Minitrue, Minipax, Miniluv, and Miniplenty

different from what we would expect from a government. The fact that the lettering is "elegant" leads me to believe that people accept these slogans and live by them, in a sense this is normal for them. In addition, the Ministry of Love dealing with law and order seems like a strange combination.

**(Analyze)** I think this passage exists early on in the novel (pg 4) to frame Winston's society for the reader. We are immediately left to question how a government like this has been established, and why people accept it. Winston is clearly aware of the power of the government as he walks the streets trying to minimize his exposure to "Big Brother." This passage definitely creates a dystopian vibe that is interesting.

**(Evaluate)** For centuries I think people have been wary of governmental influence. For instance the Ministry of Plenty, could possibly address the issue of excess or equality through government assistance, which is certainly a controversial issue in our current society. This quote is important because it establishes the setting and atmosphere of the story. The fact that the government is aware of all of its citizens' actions and thoughts is scarily similar to the way that social media and online technology tracks our behaviors right now.