

English III Summer Assignment
for
The Catcher in the Rye
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Requirement: All juniors enrolled in English III must read the novel *The Catcher in the Rye* and complete the summer assignment before the first regular (80 minute) class of the Fall semester.

Plagiarism Warning: All students are required to submit the summer assignment to turnitin.com or receive a zero. Turnitin.com will check all summer assignments for originality and if any portion of the assignment is found to be plagiarized, the penalty will be that the student will receive a “zero” and reported to the Dean for disciplinary action as explained in the “Cheating on quizzes, tests, projects, examinations” section of *Lancer Life*. This means that students are not allowed to work on the summer assignment with another student or lend/borrow any portion of their work. If any portion of the summer assignment matches another student’s assignment, both the lender and the borrower will be equally penalized. It is forbidden for to use/copy any material from internet websites for the summer assignment as all written material will be checked for originality. **The instructions with details for how to submit the assignment to turnitin.com will be given by the teacher on the first day of school.**

Instructions: All written portions of the summer assignment must be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman Font, and be double-spaced. Make sure to save the written portions (Part 1 and 2) of the summer assignment to **one single document/file** on your computer as you will be required to submit a single document/file to turnitin.com. Teachers will collect the summer assignment on the first regular (80 minute) class of the Fall semester. Students must submit their summer assignment to turnitin.com, print it out, and bring all parts with them on the day it is due. Points will be deducted for every class meeting the summer assignment is late (either submitting it to turnitin.com late or handing in material late). Summer assignments should not be emailed to a teacher.

Part 1: Short Answer Responses (25 points Homework credit)

(To receive maximum points, answer each number with a minimum of six complete sentences).

1. Why does Spenser tell Holden that life is a game that he refuses to play?
2. Explain why Holden hates Ward Stradlater.
3. Explain why Holden doesn’t do anything with Sunny.
4. Describe the crazy idea Holden tells Sally and later in the novel what Holden says he wants to be when he grows up.
5. Explain where Holden is telling the story from at the end of the novel and (in your opinion) explain the lesson he learned from his whole experience.

Part 2: Composition (20 points Composition credit)

Even though Holden seems like the ultimate rebel for getting kicked out of so many schools and refusing to follow the rules of society, there are times that he adheres to rules and morals that are very important to him. For this essay, write 4 paragraphs (introduction, body, and conclusion) explaining the rules and morals that Holden believes are important to follow. Your essay must include 4 properly cited quotes (cited with page numbers) taken directly from the novel and be at least 2 pages full-pages long, typed in 12-point, Times New Roman font, and be double-spaced.