Quiz: Chapters 1-12

On separate sheet of notebook paper, answer each question. In each response, integrate a passage from *The Catcher in the Rye* that supports your answer. Don’t forget to include the page number! You may use your book and any notes that you have.

Chapter One:

1. Knowing what you know about Holden so far, why do you suppose he might like “The Secret Goldfish,” a story about a kid who bought a goldfish with his own money and would let no one look at it?

Chapter Two:

1. Why does Holden reject the idea that life is a game that we have to play by the rules?

Chapter Four:

1. What does Allie’s baseball mitt tell us about Allie? What does Holden’s keeping it tell us about Holden?

Chapter Six:

1. Does Holden pick a fight with Stradlater to punish him or be punished by him?

Chapter Seven:

1. Imagining Jane Gallagher with Stradlater in a parked car makes Holden feel like jumping out a window. How does this connect with other windows in this novel?

Chapter Eight:

1. Why does Holden reject Mrs. Morrow’s suggestion that he is going home early because someone is sick and, instead, claim that he has a brain tumor.

Chapter Nine:

1. Why does Holden feel the need to give someone a buzz? Is it loneliness, horniness, fear, or something else?

Chapter Ten:

1. We hear a lot about what Holden hates – phonies, unfairness, cruelty to children, sexually predatory men, and so on – but in this chapter we some of what Holden likes. What does he like? What patterns do you see in what he likes?

Chapter Twelve:

1. How do you explain Holden’s concerns about the Central Park ducks?