

The Catcher in the Rye **Introduction Review**

In order to better understand a text and to write a successful essay based on that text there is some basic information you must know. By answering the following questions, you will have a solid foundation on which to understand *The Catcher in the Rye* and write a successful essay on the novel.

What's the title of the novel?

The Catcher in the Rye

Who is the author?

J.D. Salinger

What genre is the novel?

Coming of age also referred to as *bildungsroman*

From what point of view is the novel written?

The novel is written in the first person narrative

Who is the narrator and protagonist?

Holden Caulfield

How old is he?

16

In which year is the novel set?

1949

In which month does the action take place?

December

In which city does the majority of the action take place?

The Manhattan borough of New York City

What is the initial reason for Holden going to New York?

He leaves Pencey Prep High School on the account of his expulsion due to poor grades. Holden travels to his hometown of Manhattan but he is not ready go home to face his parents after being expelled from another school.