

Holden's Values-an essay

Assignment: After reading Catcher in the Rye, making decisions about which values are very important to Holden, and tracking those values, write your own essay explaining what Holden's values are and why. Use specific examples from the book, citing relevant passages.

Due Date: Friday, December 17th (for graded, polished draft)

Follow the ***stages of the writing process*** and get to your best draft. Make sure you read aloud and have someone else read aloud before you submit.

Prewrite:

- * Find passages from the book that show the values you think Holden has.
- * Narrow down those values to his three most important values.

Write: Use expository essay format

-Introduction-set your reader up for what is to come

* In the first sentence, mention the title of the book (underline it) and the author and make a general statement about the book.

* General to specific information about the book, Holden, values and then his values.

Make sure to use transition words and phrases

* Thesis statement (at the end of introduction) This is the statement that says, in one sentence or so, why you are writing this. What do you want us to understand? What are the 3 values that are most important to Holden. Just list them here; you will explain why they are your most important in the body paragraphs

-Body (Use a body paragraph for every one of Holden's values you discuss. You will have 3 body paragraphs.) Follow this paragraph structure in order to explain your point of view, and also to give specific examples. Your paragraphs should be 4-6 sentences long.

- * Topic Sentence
- * Explain
- * Give an example
- * Passage
- * Explain
- * Give an example
- * Passage
- * Closing Sentence

-Conclusion

- * Restate your thesis in a slightly different way and mention your main points again.
- * Your opinion of the book, Holden, values-one or all-at least two sentences
- * Close the essay

Rewrite: Use the checklist on the back before submitting your essay

Check the following before you print your final draft:

- Review your writing scoring guide information and your assignment sheet to make sure you have included everything you need to include
- Use present tense when writing about literature
- No second person (you)
- No random capitalization but capitalize proper nouns
- Run spell check and have someone else read to check for spelling errors
- Use few pronouns and when you do, make sure the antecedent (the noun the pronoun is taking the place of) is clear
- The points must be written about in the same order in the body of the paper as in your thesis statement.
- Make sure you don't start any sentences with coordinating conjunctions-FAN BOYS
- Make sure to check your comma info. Do not make errors using compound sentences and coordinating conjunctions (see info sheet)
- Have a peer or parent read your paper to make sure you don't have any homonym or homophone errors

Follow the steps below to get to your best draft