**Holden Caulfield discussion topics:**

-his hates

-people he feels sorry for

-his repeated sympathy toward young children

-people he views as phonies

-how he is frequently bored

-how he notices the minutiae about other people

-things he lies about

**Themes:**

-the book’s tone of sincerity

-the themes of familial neglect

-tensions between teens and society/rebellion

-defensiveness

-alienation

**Style of Novel:**

-use of conversational/first person style-

(I, you)

-use of humor/sarcasm

-use of profanity/blasphemy

(Is it necessary? Offensive?)

**Symbols:**

-Luggage

-Ducks

-Red Hunting Cap

-“Little Shirley Beans”

-Museum