***The Catcher in the Rye***

**Rhetorical Analysis Essay**

**11AP Language & Composition**

**October 2016**

**Background**: One of J.D. Salinger’s most well-known novels is *The Catcher in the Rye*, published in 1951. The influential and widely acclaimed story details the two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, he searches for truth and rails against the "phoniness" of the adult world. He ends up exhausted and emotionally ill, in a psychiatrist's office. As he recovers from his breakdown, Holden relates his experiences to the reader.

**Task:** 1. Read the novel and determine its motifs and central themes. 2. Identify 10 different passages (at least 2-3 paragraphs in length each) in which Salinger develops a central theme. 3. In a well-written response, discuss the rhetorical choices that Salinger makes throughout each passage in order to develop that central theme.

**Guidelines:**

* You MUST include the passage itself (re-type it or copy and paste it) and write your responses in paragraph form.
* Use specific textual evidence from the novel in order to support your claim.
* Use both the “Rhetorical Keystone,” the handout “How to Write a Rhetorical Analysis Essay,” as well as any other supplemental class materials in order to help you write your response.
* Paper must be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, including a title and the use of proper MLA format (both heading and in-text citations).

Responses due on *Turnitin*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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