

The Official English 521 Catcher in the Rye Thinking Questions.

*** In your groups, answer the following questions. You will be the "experts" on your questions, and will have to present your findings to the class. Make sure you answer the question to the fullest. ***

1) Explain the meaning of the following symbols: the ducks, the red hat, the gold ring, and the rain.

2) The Catcher in the Rye dramatizes a number of relatively minor conflicts and one major conflict (and Climax). Discuss two or three minor conflicts and the main conflict.

3) What is conformity? Why doesn't Holden want to conform? At the end of the novel, has he finally conformed? To what?

4) What is the point of view of The Catcher in the rye, and why do you suspect Salinger chose this point of view?

5) Briefly describe the dominant Theme in Catcher. Support your findings with clearly explained examples /or quotes.