

Directions: please discuss each of the following, and then write a brief answer. One piece of paper per group is fine, so long as all group members are on-topic.

1. Why does Holden enjoy the snowball fight in chapter 5?
2. What is the importance of Holden's composition about Allie?
3. What is the significance of Holden breaking his hand?
4. What are Holden's fears about Jane Gallagher and Stradlater?
5. Why does Holden fight Stradlater?
6. What is Holden's first action after fighting Stradlater?
7. Why does Holden consider going to a monastery?
8. Why is Holden so lonely at Pencey?
9. What emotions to the new ice skates create?
10. In what condition does Holden leave Pencey?
11. Why does Holden give a false name to Mrs. Morrow?
12. Why does he lie about Ernest Morrow?
13. What is significant about the brain surgery story in chapter 8?
14. What is Holden's first act upon arriving in New York?
15. What is signified by the ducks in the lagoon in Central Park?
16. Why does Holden give such detailed descriptions of the hotel rooms he sees from his own window?
17. What is Holden's attitude toward sex?
18. What's funny about Holden's conversation with Faith Cavendish in chapter 9? Why does Salinger use the name Faith Cavendish?