

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE

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CHARACTER MAP



Directions:

Throughout Holden's story, every character he interacts with reveals new information about him. These nine characters, however, hold special significance for Holden. As you read, fill in the boxes with important traits and facts about each character as Holden describes them.


Teacher's Note: Answers will vary. We have provided some examples.




ALLIE
Traits: red hair • smart • well-liked by teachers
Facts: Holden's little brother • died in childhood • wrote poems on his baseball glove




STRADLATER
Traits: good-looking • goes on lots of dates • "secret slob"
Facts: goes on a date with Jane just before Holden leaves Pencey



ACKLEY
Traits: doesn't brush his teeth • unhygienic • not the brightest
Facts: Holden's roommate • talks to and irritates Holden



CARL LUCE
Traits: Holden's mentor from a previous school • three years older
Facts: finds Holden's current behavior to be immature and childish




MR. ANTOLINI
Traits: an English teacher from Holden's old school • Holden's favorite teacher
Facts: married to an older woman • found and tended to James Castle after James's death • pats Holden's head while he's sleeping (possibly inappropriately)



SUNNY
Traits: very young for her job • nervous
Facts: prostitute • After figuring out how young she is, Holden just wants to have a conversation with her.



PHOEBE
Traits: very mature for her age • smart • Holden trusts her.
Facts: Holden, D. B., and Allie's sister • names herself "Weatherfield" • worried about Holden • rides on the carousel to catch the ring



HOLDEN CAULFIELD



JANE
Traits: was a dancer • played checkers with Holden
Facts: Holden's childhood best friend and romantic interest • abusive stepfather • holds her kings in the back row in checkers