
Chapters 18-21

The Catcher in the Rye

Directions

Pre-Reading

1. Preview (read through) the study questions for *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 18-21.
2. Complete the Vocabulary Worksheet for *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 18-21.

Reading

1. Read *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 18-21.
2. Keep your study questions in mind as you read.

Post-Reading

1. Answer all of the study guide questions for Chapters 18-21.
2. Complete the Reader Response Assignment for Chapters 18-21.

Vocabulary Chapters 18-21 Part I

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the bold words mean in the space provided.

1. Jane said he wasn't a show-off. She said he had an **inferiority** complex.
2. The bartender was a **louse**, too.
3. He kept telling her she had **aristocratic** hands.
4. . . . I was careful as hell not to get **boisterous** or anything. I didn't want anybody to notice me
5. All of them swimming around in a goddam pot of tea and saying **sophisticated** stuff to each other and being charming and phony.
6. I have this one stupid aunt with **halitosis** that kept saying how peaceful he looked lying there.

Vocabulary Chapters 18-21 Part II

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. inferiority | A. Noisy and unruly |
| _____ 2. louse | B. Of an upper class; distinguished |
| _____ 3. aristocratic | C. Bad smelling breath |
| _____ 4. boisterous | D. Strong feelings of inadequacy |
| _____ 5. sophisticated | E. A person regarded as mean or contemptible |
| _____ 6. halitosis | F. Worldly wise; refined |

Study Questions Chapters 18-21

1. What did Holden think of the show at Radio City?
2. Why did Holden call Carl Luce even though he didn't like him much?
3. What did Holden and Luce discuss?
4. Why did Holden go home so early (before Wednesday)?
5. What was Phoebe's reaction when she first saw Holden? What was her reaction when she found out that he had been expelled?

Reader Response Entry Chapters 18-21

In the space below, write a substantial response to the chapters of the book you have just read. It could be your thoughts on one of the following: an idea presented, an event, a character's actions or attitude, a topic related in some way to something presented in this section of the novel, a response to a particular passage that stood out to you as you read, or you could write a creative response like a poem or song lyrics as long as it is relevant in some way to what you have just read.