

# “H” is for Holden ...or Hypocrite...or Happy...or Hazardous

Objective: To create an alphabet book using characters, symbols, events, etc. from *The Catcher in the Rye* in order to gain deeper insight and understanding

## Each book will include:

- Decorated front cover
- Table of contents
- A page about J.D. Salinger
- A page with critical information about the novel, documented correctly
- Decorated back cover
- 26 separate pages for letters, with a picture for each letter

## Activities

- Each group of 4-5 will decide what each of the 26 letters of the alphabet will stand for etc. Since each of you will have a certain group of letters, if there are several suggestions for each letter, the person who actually “owns” that letter can decide.
- The group will decide on the division of letters as well as the division of other tasks. You will have some class time to plan your basic format.
- Next, each person will turn his/her letter paragraphs in to me for comment. Each person is responsible for his/her own picture for each letter.
- You will work on your section of the book at home
- Each group will meet briefly to make final arrangements and assemble the book.
- Each person is responsible for being on time; grades will be individual.

## Each student will be responsible for:

- his/her section of the alpha bet -- with picture
- another “task” (cover, Salinger, etc.)
- Activity sheet detailing what he/she was responsible

You have leeway for design and assembly; contents, however, must be true to text, quoting if/when necessary, and each letter must be fully elaborated and skillfully written. Although the format is childishly simple, the elaboration of each letter and corresponding visual are not. Your paragraphs should be error free and written in a mature, educated style. This is not a parody but a serious study of the novel. The time for parody will come later.