CATCHER in the RYE Webquest Name

Go to class website (gerhardteng2.weebly.com) and open up the “Catcher Webquest” presentation on the Assignments page. Go into PRESENT mode to activate the links.

**I. J.D. Salinger**: Read through the first 3 slides on Salinger’s life and take bullet point notes on at least 5 interesting/important facts about Salinger (hint: the arrows point to important facts).















**More on Salinger** http://www.deadcaulfields.com/DCHome.html

Under the Salinger heading, click on **AN INTRODUCTION**.

Read the story “A Train Ride” (starts 3 paragraphs down). What are your impressions of J.D Salinger as a young man? Response should be a brief analysis of his personality (4-5 sentences).

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Now, click on **ALLUSIONS**.

According to the excerpt about Charlie Chaplin, why do Salinger’s characters hate actors?

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**II. Cost of items and events in 1950 America** http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/1950.html

https://www.cheatsheet.com/money-career/things-you-could-buy-for-1-dollar.html/?a=viewall

Check out the given websites to find out how much these would cost in 1950.

1. Gallon of gas 2. Movie ticket

3. New car 4. Ticket to a sporting event

5. Pack of cigarettes 6. Book/Pen

7. $1 in 1950 was approximately equivalent to today.

**III. Catcher Controversy**

http://www.remnantnewspaper.com/Archives/archive-2008-0430-catcher\_in\_the\_rye.htm

Read the first 5 and the last 5 paragraphs of the article “Catcher in the Rye: Catholic Educators and the Death of Innocence.” What are several major objections to reading *Catcher* in schools?

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Who is Mark David Chapman and what did he do? What is his connection to *Catcher in the Rye*?

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🡪 Check out the INTRO on www.shmoop.com/catcher-in-the-rye. In the section (towards the bottom of the page) “What is *The Catcher in the Rye* About and Why Should I Care?” what case does the site author make for reading the book? What would the author say to (and about) those who object to reading *Catcher in the Rye*?

