

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

2023 – 2024

**Choose one of the two novels to read and respond to 5 questions.**

**You will have a test on the novel selection.**

## Novel Assignment

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

**Directions: Read the novel above and respond to 5 out of the 10 questions. Be sure to cite evidence from the text in your thorough responses. Due 8/18/23**

1. Where in the novel is the title mentioned, and why is it important? What is the title's overall meaning?
2. What other work(s) in literary history influenced the title?
3. What are the conflicts in *The Catcher in the Rye*? What types of conflict (physical, moral, intellectual, or emotional) are in this novel?
4. How does J.D. Salinger reveal character in the novel?
5. What are some themes and symbols in the novel? How do they relate to the plot and characters?
6. Is Holden consistent in his actions? Is he a fully developed character? How and why?
7. How does Holden relate to his little sister? Why (and how) does his relationship with her affect his decisions, his philosophy of life, and his actions?
8. Do you find the characters likable? Would you want to meet the characters?
9. Does the novel end the way you expected? How? Why?
10. What is the central/primary purpose of the novel? Is the purpose important or meaningful?

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1. What is important about the title of "The Great Gatsby?"
2. What are the conflicts in "The Great Gatsby"? What types of conflicts—physical, moral, intellectual, or emotional—figure in this novel? Are they resolved?
3. Why is Gatsby unable to put the past behind him? Why does he demand that Daisy renounce her former love for her husband?
4. What choice would you have made in Daisy's situation?
5. What role does Daisy play in Gatsby's downfall?
6. How is alcohol used in the novel?
7. Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from the perspective of Nick, a friend of Gatsby?
8. How does Fitzgerald reveal character in "The Great Gatsby?"
9. How is class depicted in the novel? What point is the author trying to make?
10. What are some themes and symbols in "The Great Gatsby?"