Outline: Red Hunting Hat

I. Why / when Holden wears it

1. First wears it at Pencey when his room is “cozy”
2. Puts it back on after fight with Stradlater and after Stradlater leaves, peak-backward
3. Puts it on, backwards, right before leaving Pencey and yelling out “Sleep tight, ya morons!”
4. Puts it on right after talking about the museum and everything staying in place
5. Takes it off before returning home – doesn’t want the elevator boy to see him with it where he might look “suspicious”
6. At the park, Phoebe takes it out of his pocket and puts it on Holden’s head
7. Wears it in the pouring rain, watching Phoebe on the carousel – “I felt so damn happy”

II. Whom he is with when he wears it

1. Ackley, Stradlater, by himself
2. Alone on the train, takes it off; didn’t feel like reading or doing anything

III. Whom he gives/shows it to

1. Hat-check girl liked it – made Holden put it on, and he says “She was all right.”
2. Gives it to Phoebe right after he was crying uncontrollably
3. Sees Phoebe with it because she stood out wearing it
4. Phoebe throws it at Holden in anger – Holden puts it in his pocket

IV. How he wears it

1. Peak backwards – cozy – mentions several times “I turned the hat peak-backwards, the way I like it”
2. Starts “horsing around” after turning it peak-forward: “That way I couldn’t see a goddam thing”
3. Turns it peak forward again: “I was getting sorta nervous, all of a sudden” (Stradlater/Jane date)

V. Actions / emotions when wearing it

1. “Cozy”
2. Likes how he looks wearing it peak-backwards
3. Puts it on to write the composition about Allie’s baseball mitt
4. “Didn’t give a damn how I looked” – says this a few different times

VI. Where / how he initially got it

1. Bought it right after noticing the fencing foils had been lost

VII. Who asks about it

1. Ackley
2. Stradlater – “’sharp,’ but only to flatter me”

VIII. Color

1. “Red flag” – warning of possible danger
2. Color of extremes
3. Color of love, seduction, violence, danger, anger, and adventure

IX. Type

A. Hunting hat

X. How he refers to it

A. “People-shooting hat”