*Catcher in the Rye* Reading Questions Ch. 1 & 2

1. Who is Holden Caulfield?

2. What is the reality of Pencey Prep in contrast to the advertisements, as seen by Holden?

3. Who is Selma Thurmer, and why did Holden like her?

4. Why was Holden trying to “feel” some kind of good−bye?

5. How popular was the sport of polo at Pencey Prep?

6. What advice did Dr. Thurmer give to Holden?

7. Was Pencey Prep really the fourth school from which Holden was asked to leave? Explain your answer.

8. Why did Holden write Mr. Spencer a note at the end of his examination paper?

9. What was Holden thinking about while he said the following: “I told him I was a real moron, and all that stuff. I told him how I would’ve done exactly the same thing if I’d been in his place, and how most people didn’t appreciate how tough it is being a teacher.”

10. Holden told Mr. Spencer not to worry about him. What reason did he give for not worrying?