



Catcher in the Rye Imitation Assignment: Salinger Style Descriptive Writing

We will read the section of Catcher that gives a recap of Holden describing Allie and his glove; moreover, as you progress in your reading, Holden's language will creep into your vernacular. Soak in it. The descriptive of Allie's glove gives you a clear picture of who Allie is and what he means to Holden. Write a creative, descriptive piece ala Salinger. In your piece, write about (1) a person, (2) a place (3) an object, or (4) an event that made an impression on you.

After reading the section about Allie's glove, what are your impressions? What do you notice about Salinger's style? Take notes below.

Objective: The purpose of this assignment is for you to examine and imitate J.D. Salinger's descriptive style.

We will review models of this assignment and do pre-writing on _____

Due Date:

Criteria:

Response is at least a page, 1.5 spaced, typed, printed and turned in at beginning of class.

Clear, focused (or unfocused)—as Holden is, at times.

At least two direct examples imitating Salinger's style (refer to notes above)

Details thoroughly explain the place, object, person, or event.

Descriptive, engaging language that resonates as Holdenesque

Response demonstrates a clear understanding of the text