

Checklist for Essay:

- 1) What is my hook? Is it thought provoking and related to my topic?
- 2) Did I italicize the title of the novel, *The Catcher in the Rye*?
- 3) Did I make sure to include the author's name, J.D. Salinger? Did I spell the name correctly?
- 4) Do I have a clear main idea/topic sentence for my body paragraphs? Each topic sentence addresses one of the points made in my thesis statement.
- 5) Each topic sentence for each body paragraph is not a copy of each other.
- 6) Is my context clear? Does it identify who the characters are who are speaking in direct evidence? Does it provide enough background info of the direct evidence?
- 7) Do I have direct evidence in each of my body paragraphs? Did I cite it correctly in MLA format?
Ex: "They're quite touchy about anything like that, especially my father" (Salinger 1).
- 8) Do I have direct evidence that is more than five typed lines? If so, did I place that evidence in a block quote?
- 9) After each piece of evidence, do I explain and analyze the evidence in support of my thesis?
- 10) Do I have a clear transition for each of my body paragraphs?
- 11) Does my conclusion restate my thesis in a fresh new way? Do I summarize the main points I made in my body paragraph? Do I come back to my hook? Do I provide some final creative thoughts about Holden?
- 12) Did I remain in the present tense throughout my paper?
- 13) Did I avoid using the past tense?
- 14) Did I avoid using "I" statements or personal pronouns (me, we, you, etc.)?
- 15) Did I avoid overly saying, "This quote shows..."? Be sure to check "Verbs, Adjectives, Nouns for Literary Analysis" sheet on website. (vingerfhs.weebly.com)
- 16) Did I use strong verbs and stay away from vague word choice?
- 17) Do I use a variety of sentences? Simple, compound, complex.

18) Do I have a heading that is in MLA format on the left-hand margin?

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19) Did I double-space the entire essay? Did I use Times New Roman font? Is my font size 12?

20) Do I have an engaging title for my essay? And is my title centered on the page?