

DUE DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH 2016

***The Catcher in the Rye* and “On First Looking into Chapman’s Holden: Speculations on a Murder”**

“The thing with kids is, if they want to grab for the gold ring, you have to let them do it, and not say anything. If they fall off, they fall off, but it’s bad if you say anything to them.” (211)

Directions:

- Using the quotation above as a guide, you must to prove that “Chapman saw Lennon as an innocent who was himself about to be corrupted.”
- In this essay, you need to:
 - Write an introduction that presents the idea of innocence and your stance regarding its preservation. Be sure that you include a solid, three-pronged thesis that establishes the content of each of your three body paragraphs.
 - First, analyze Salinger’s portrayal of innocence and how Holden possessed an obsessive desire to preserve the innocence around him.
 - Then, analyze evidence that proves how Chapman possessed an obsessive and murderous desire to preserve John Lennon’s innocence.
 - And finally, correlate your findings from the article to tie both works together. This paragraph should be highly analytical and show solid evidence of your synthesis.
 - Close your essay with a conclusion that reflect upon the preservation of innocence. Discuss the book’s ban in states around the country and how such a ban actually contradicts the message of the novel.
- Each of your body paragraphs should have a clear, concrete topic sentence that outlines precisely what you plan to discuss in the body paragraphs.
- All body paragraphs should contain anywhere from 2-4 supporting quotations that support the topic sentence, and in turn, the thesis.
- All quotations should include the coordinating page numbers from the novel or the essay.
- Do not forget to include a thoughtful and creative essay title.
- The essay should be written in a proper MLA format.
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