

***Catcher in the Rye***  
**Journal Questions**

**Chapter 1**

1. What was your childhood like?
2. Have you ever felt like you were just not there, like you might disappear? Explain.

**Chapter 2**

3. What “phony” or “fake” thing do people do that really bothers you?
4. Do you think life is a game? Should one “play by the rules” or not? Explain.
5. What percentage of the day are you bored? What bores you and why?

**Chapters 3, 4, and 5**

6. Are you bitter about life? What about life makes you the most depressed?
7. Have you ever gone completely crazy and destroyed something or yelled loudly at someone? Explain what happened.

**Chapters 6, 7**

8. Explain a time when you were incredibly jealous of someone. Did you do anything about it?

**Chapter 8**

9. Have you ever lied just for the fun of it? Explain the situation.

**Chapter 9**

10. Do you think some people go out with people they don't like? Why would someone go out with a person just because he/she is “there”?

**Chapter 10**

11. Would you want to be famous? Why/why not? How would you become famous?

**Chapter 11**

12. Describe someone who is really conceited. What makes him/her conceited? Do you like him/her? What is the difference between pride and being conceited?

## **Chapter 12**

13. What makes someone really boring to talk to? Explain.

## **Chapter 13**

14. What do people do that is “out of line” or offensive to you? Why is this behavior unacceptable?

15. Do you hate followers? What bothers you about a follower?

## **Chapter 14**

16. Describe a time when you have been cheated or have seen someone cheated. Do you think the “cheater” ever got his punishment?

## **Chapter 15**

17. Describe a time when you have been super nice to someone for no reason.

## **Chapter 16**

18. Do you want permanence or perfection? Why/Why not? Why do people want or need permanence?

## **Chapter 17**

19. If you could get away from here, where would you go and why? Who would you take with you?

20. Have you ever wanted the world to self-destruct? How would it happen? (Be creative!)

## **Chapter 18**

21. What quality in people gives you the most hope? Do you see this in yourself?

## **Chapter 19**

22. Do you ever get “caught up” in a cycle or pattern of thought? How do you get “unstuck”?

23. Are there just as many “good” people as there are “bad” people? Is there such a thing as a “good” or a “bad” person? Explain your views on what a good or bad person is.