

Catcher in the Rye Pre-Reading Worksheet

Name _____

DIRECTIONS: Using your personal experience and outside connections, answer the following questions in three sentences or more for each question. You will share your responses with a partner, so be sure you have examined each question!

My Responses	My Partner's Responses
1. What does it mean to be alienated or separated from others?	
2. Describe a time when you or someone you know has been alienated. Why did this occur? What did you or the person do?	
3. What makes a book different when it is written in first-person ("I," "me," etc.)? What does this point-of-view add to the story? What are some problems with this POV?	
4. What is the difference between adulthood and childhood? When do you move from one to the other? Are you looking forward to becoming an adult? Why or why not?	

<p>5. Explain TWO struggles you or others face as they move from childhood to adulthood.</p>	
<p>6. Why do teenagers feel the need to rebel against the rules or against other people (parents, teachers)?</p>	
<p>7. What is the purpose of cursing? When is it appropriate and inappropriate? Who decides when it is?</p>	
<p>8. Why are some books banned in our society or at other times in history? What topics might be banned? What are the drawbacks to banning certain books? Do you agree with banning?</p>	