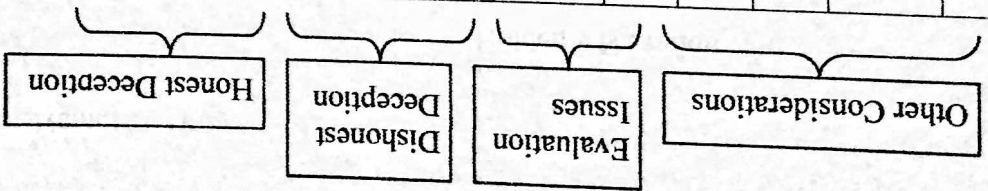


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Narrator Reliability Lesson
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	Criteria	Y	N	Example from text
1	Is Holden ignorant about any facts?			
2	Would you consider Holden to be "experienced?"			
3	Does Holden neglect to tell the reader things?			
4	Has Holden attempted to deceive us?			
5	Is Holden mentally unstable?			
6	Is Holden a hypocrite?			
7	Does Holden have a difficult time evaluating situations correctly?			
8	Does Holden have different morals than the average person?			
9	Is Holden biased about any situations?			
10	Does Holden have any ulterior motives behind telling his story?			
11	Would you consider Holden to be too young to accurately tell his story?			
12	Does Holden have a limited education/body of knowledge?			



Are there any other special circumstances that you think help to determine whether or not Holden is reliable/unreliable?

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Holden's Narration

1. Why is this story told from Holden's perspective?
2. Does Holden fit the description of an unreliable narrator? Explain.
3. Would this story be different if it were told from an omniscient point-of-view? Would this "work" for this story? Why or why not?
4. Why is Holden's reliability an issue? Why does it make a difference?
5. Why do you suppose that some people will have an opposite opinion of whether or not Holden is reliable? What evidence would they use to support their beliefs?
6. Which type of narration is most likely to contain an unreliable narrator? (2nd person limited, 3rd person omniscient.....etc) Why?