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Quote	Significance to the Book	Outside Connection
<p>“I don’t care if it’s a sad good-by or a bad good-by, but when I leave a place I like to know I’m leaving it. If you don’t, you feel even worse”</p>	<p>Holden is standing on the hill overlooking Pencey, the school that he is about to be kicked out of. He is feeling sentimental knowing he is leaving soon and not returning. This allows the reader to glimpse Holden's character. Even though he comes off as reckless or unintelligent, he is quite an intellectual person. He gives more depth and thought to situations than most.</p>	<p>This quote is relatable for those who never achieved a conclusion. Whether that be those that have passed on, or loved ones never got closure, people sometimes never get to say goodbye. That leaves an empty feeling of loss different from when there is closure.</p>
<p>“It’s partly true, but it isn’t all true. People always think something’s all true”</p>	<p>Holden is evaluating his life and the people around him. He may not be looked upon as book smart but he is wise beyond his years in the fact that he can see the truth in others.</p>	<p>This is even more relevant today than ever. It is so easy to go online and see so many fake news stories. People often assume the stories and posts online are true and believe every bit of it without knowing the facts.</p>
<p>“For once in my stupid life, I was really glad to see him. He took my mind off the other stuff”</p>	<p>When Stradlater takes Holden's love interest out for a date, he can’t help but fixate on the situation. This reveals that Holden values relationships and love. He takes his relationship with</p>	<p>This circumstance happens so much in real life. This situation of longing for love while watching a friend or acquaintance go out with a desired love interest can be painful to experience. People</p>

	Jane very seriously, and anything or anyone that comes between them drives him crazy.	can turn to unlikely things to lessen the blow.
“You never saw such gore in your life. I had blood all over my mouth and chin and even on my pajamas and bathrobe. It partly scared me and it partly fascinated me”	Holden just got in a fight with Stradlater after he came back from a date with Jane. Holden has the tendency to be impulsive and jump to conclusions. He admires himself in the mirror. Getting in this fight gave him a feeling of masculinity and power, even though he still lost.	For some people fighting gives them a strange high, a feeling of dangerous, uncontrollable power. This is why some choose to be trained in the art of fighting and go into fighting competitions like UFC.
“When I was all set to go, when I had my bags and all, I stood for a while next to the stairs and took a last look down the goddam corridor. I was sort of crying. I don't know why. I put my red hunting hat on, and turned the peak around to the back, the way I liked it, and then I yelled at the top of my goddam voice, ‘Sleep tight, ya morons!’”	Holden leaving Pencey, even though he acts like it does not bother him, in reality, is actually upsets him quite a bit. He does not want to disappoint his parents. He is not satisfied with himself, his performance at school, and his ability to be successful, in relationships and in applying himself in life.	Everyone feels this, the feeling of losing control of life and love to the point where they just want to give up and run away. They get to a lost and desperate state where running from their problems seems like the only answer.
“But when I’m with someone that’s corny, I always act corny too”	On the train leaving Pencey, Holden meets one of his classmate’s mothers. There he proceeds to lie to her about everything. He even goes as far as to say he needs surgery. Holden is street smart, he knows how to talk to people. Holden is adaptable. He changes himself to fit who he is talking to. He can think on his feet and is very quick-witted. Holden is well trained in the art of deception.	This message can be applied to real-life situations. All the time people can be observed changing themselves to fit the other person. One can observe people faking events that happened to them and fibbing about other aspects of their lives to impress the other person. It is important to stay true to one’s self and not change for anything or anyone.

<p>“He’s so good he’s almost corny. I don’t exactly know what I mean by that, but I mean it”</p>	<p>Holden is referring to one of the very popular piano players at one bar he went to. He realizes that he is exceptional at what he does, but he also reads into him as a person to find that he is in no way humble. He knows that he is good at what he does and it shows. This reveals that Holden is an expert at reading others. He can quickly decipher who is true and humble and who is phony and suck up.</p>	<p>One may come across this type of person in their life. A person that is remarkably talented at what they do and know it. They have no humility because they think they know all they have to know in the given field. It is important to realize that no matter how good one gets at a talent or skill, there is always more to learn and someone out there that knows more. It is crucial to stay humble and open to other’s teachings.</p>
<p>“The thing is, it’s really hard to be roommates with people if your suitcases are much better than theirs—if yours are really good ones and theirs aren’t”</p>	<p>Holden is rooming with a boy at one of his schools he was attending at the time. He never understood why he would tease him about his fancy suitcase. Hoden reflects on his past and realizes that he was jealous of him the whole time because his family could not afford nice things like suitcases. Holden now is growing up and understanding what money does to people. Because the boy felt inferior to Holden due to lack of money he asked to be moved to a different room. Holden now has a pivotal realization that money causes pain and jealousy.</p>	<p>This concept is very true today, especially in school. Some children feel inferior to their other more wealthy peers. This sometimes creates tension between those in the lower and higher classes. This separation is one of the reasons that schools enforce uniforms. Uniforms may dilute the sharp line between the rich and poor.</p>
<p>“It’s full of phonies, and all you do is study so that you can learn enough to be smart enough to be able to buy a goddam Cadillac some day, and you have to keep making believe you give a damn if the football team loses, and all</p>	<p>Holden is discussing his views on education and his opinions on the upper class. He is becoming bitter and tarnished to the world. He sees the corruption of the upper class and resents it. This is another point in the</p>	<p>Some people resent this style of life. Growing up, going to college, getting a good career, retirement, and finally, death is the path of life that most people take. However, there are some free spirits that do not wish to follow this</p>

<p>you do is talk about girls and liquor and sex all day, and everybody sticks together in these dirty little goddam cliques”</p>	<p>novel where Holden begins to lose his innocence. He sees that his path in life is already set and he has little to no say in it.</p>	<p>cookie-cutter path of life. Their stories can be expressed through literature. In Jon Krakauer’s <u>Into the Wild</u>, Chris McCandless refuses to conform to life’s pathway and goes on the adventure of a lifetime, traveling the U.S back roads and cities with nothing but what is on his back. Ultimately his story ends in his death in the Alaskan wilderness, but Chris truly lived, he experienced more than most.</p>
<p>“And I hate to tell you,” he said, “but I think that once you have a fair idea where you want to go, your first move will be to apply yourself in school” (189).</p>	<p>When Holden says the night at one of his teacher's houses he explains to him that in order to be successful in life one must be present in their lives and apply themselves. Holden does not like to conform to the path of life everyone follows. He wishes to experience life the way he wants to even if people disagree with him.</p>	<p>This talk happened to so many students. I have heard teachers that care about their students telling them that if they just apply themselves and put effort into their school careers that they will go far in life. Like Holden, they are too set in their ways to take the advice.</p>
<p>"Goddam money. It always ends up making you blue as hell" (130).</p>	<p>Holden is realizing that if one does not have money, they will get nowhere in life. He never has depended on money this much in his life and is just apprehending what the real world is. He is just spending more and living on his own thus the hard truths of adulthood are a reality to him and it is upsetting to see how little he has left.</p>	<p>Becoming an adult is very difficult. Learning new responsibilities, greater expectations, and the realization of money is now one’s main focus. Sometimes one can end up feeling like Holden in his position, not being about to afford something or watching money slowly dwindle away is a depressing feat.</p>
<p>"You don't always have to get too sexy to get to know a girl" (76).</p>	<p>This quote notifies the reader that Holden values having a true relationship with a girl.</p>	<p>That is true in relationships today also. If one really wants to get to know someone sex is</p>

	<p>He never got serious with Jane but he knew her well. They had a deep, pure, real, relationship without getting too intimate physically. Holden is respectful to the people he cares about.</p>	<p>not required. What is truly important in a relationship is the quality conversations two people that care about each other have together. Really getting to know someone before intimacy is extremely important.</p>
<p>"That's the nice thing about carousels, they always play the same songs"(210).</p>	<p>Holden is finally reunited with his little sister. He decided to take her on a ride on the carousel. Holden becomes sentimental, wishing that life would not change like the unchanging song of the carousel. He wishes that life would slow down and that he could regain the innocence of his childhood, like his sister free from the worries of growing up, responsibilities, and life.</p>	<p>This concept can be illustrated through arts and literature. Many songs discuss the “good old days” wishing time would stand still, and the longing of the innocence of childhood. This goes to prove that everyone has these moments in life. There comes a minute in every child's life where they realize that they are not a child anymore, they are growing up and their life is going to change, they begin to wish for simpler times again.</p>
<p>"I felt so damn happy all of a sudden, the way old Phoebe kept going around and around . . . It was just that she looked so damn nice, the way she kept going around and around, in her blue coat and all" (213).</p>	<p>Holden is feeling bittersweet watching his carefree little sister ride the carousel. He wishes that he was small and innocent again. He sees other families and their children and wishes that he could be in the protection of his family. Too young to know the pains of loss and heartache.</p>	<p>Everyone wishes that they could go back and be little again. Back when one was innocent and did not know the cruel truths of life, like pain from losing a loved one, loss of a job, or heartbreak. They wish to live life carefree and wish to not be familiar with pain.</p>
<p>"Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody" (214).</p>	<p>Holden says this at the end of the novel in the TB care ward. He is writing down his life events because his psychiatrist suggested that it would help his mental state. He looks back on the people</p>	<p>This sort of longing and loss for family and friends happens in everyday life. I remember my mother telling me stories about my grandmother who passed away when she does, we both</p>

	<p>he has lost and begins to miss them. He hates to recall his experience because now he is isolated away from those who love him.</p>	<p>look back on the times we had with her and although we miss her greatly we treasure the time we spent with her.</p>
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