



11th Grade English – Test Out – Semester One

Requirements

Prior to taking the exam:

- Read and be prepared to answer questions regarding *Part One: Southern Night* of the autobiography *Black Boy* by Richard Wright. [Pages 1-257 in the copy of *Black Boy* available in HHS's media center.]
- Read *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger.
- Write and submit an MLA formatted 3-5 page research report. Instructions and rubric are attached.

Scoring

Test Score: ____/60

Essay Score: ____/100

Total Score: ____/160

Test Percentage: ____%

The Catcher in the Rye
MLA Formatted Research Report

Write a report analyzing Holden's behavior in *The Catcher in the Rye*. Be sure to fully address each of the items bullet pointed in the assignment criteria. A rubric that will be used for assessment is attached. **Plagiarism will result in denial of credit.**

Requirements

3-5 pages

3 high quality quotations (from the novel or research) properly formatted and punctuated

MLA format

Is it Time for Therapy?

Upon reading *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, it is apparent that Holden is having difficulty functioning in society and dealing with becoming an adult. For this assignment, you are going to analyze Holden's behavior as if you are his counselor. You are in charge of diagnosis as well as prescribing treatment. As Holden's counselor, you are to prepare a written diagnostic report using a formal, professional tone that includes the following sections:

Background

Give the background of the patient, Holden Caulfield, so that all who read the report will be able to know the necessary details that brought him to you in the first place.

- Include his family composition, residence, age, physical appearance, academic history, social connections, etc.
- Explain the reason why he was brought to your facility. This is not covered in the novel, so you will need to create this in its entirety; just don't contradict any information from the novel.

Analysis (This section is simply a bullet pointed list.)

What are the problems Holden is facing? There are quite a few issues in the book from which to choose. Create a bullet point list of five phrases or terms regarding behavior, e.g. Sleeplessness.

Diagnosis

Please diagnose Holden's problems as best you can. Holden may have problems, but are they symptoms of mental illness, or are they problems of a normal adolescent mind? You will need to research various types of mental illness and make a believable diagnosis. Some possible illnesses are: Depression, Bipolarity, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Schizophrenia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, and Dissociative Disorders. Keep in mind, a person does not need to display all symptoms for a correct diagnosis. People can suffer from more than one disorder/mental illness at the same time, but for this report, you have to narrow your focus to one (or none and explain why his behavior is not severe

enough to create a diagnosis). Consider the following: Do Holden's problems reflect any symptoms of a mental illness? What are the causes of Holden's problems? What, if anything, do his parents have to do with what he is going through? Does anyone other than Holden have any part in this?

- Use details from the story to support each of the five symptoms from the analysis section above. Imagine Holden has recounted his story to you, so you are evaluating how his specific behaviors support diagnosis.
- State the actual illness with a brief, general description. Note: this is the first time the actual mental illness is mentioned in your report. Do not mention it in any previous sections.

Prescription

- What do you recommend for Holden to improve his life? Assume you have no authority to prescribe drugs, meaning you are a psychologist not a psychiatrist.
- What life changing recommendations do you make for Holden and possibly his family? If Holden does need to be placed on medication, you would need to refer him to a medical doctor for that, but you would still work with him for therapy.
- Make sure to discuss the general time frame that would be required.

Prognosis

- What will happen to Holden if he follows your advice?
- In your professional opinion, what do you predict will happen to Holden if he does not follow through with your prescription?

Name _____

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Rubric

- /15** Three high quality quotations.
Each quotation is followed by a parenthetical citation.
Each quotation and parenthetical citation is punctuated correctly.

/10 Background

- Family composition
- Residence
- Age
- Physical appearance
- Academic history
- Social connections
- Explanation of why and how he was brought to the facility
- Is this a logical explanation?
- Does it fully explain why and how?

/100

- /5 Analysis**
Lists five *symptoms*.

- /35 Diagnosis**
Each symptom is fully described and evidence from the novel is provided as detail.
The diagnosis makes sense based on the description of symptoms.
The illness is described.
This is the first time the actual mental illness is mentioned.

- /10 Prescription**
Logical and detailed.

- /5 Prognosis**
Logical and detailed

/20 MLA Format

Works Cited: On its own page; Title (Works Cited) in normal font, centered at top; alphabetized; double-spaced; hanging indent; entries formatted correctly.
Works Cited: Entries correspond to parenthetical citations used in paper.
Header: Last name and page number right justified.
Heading: Name, teacher's name, class, date (12 May 2014) format
Title: Centered, no extra-space before or after, normal font
Paper: Double-spaced; Times New Roman; 12 point