*The Catcher in the Rye* – All about Character and Perspective

**After reading the first 2 chapters:**

1. What do we learn about Holden? (values, beliefs, view on the world, what’s happening at this point in his life, family life, school life…)
2. Focus on language – so many clues about his inner thoughts and view on the world on the first page. What do they reveal to us?

**Context – comparison to *Dead Poets’ Society***

1. How does the school encourage conformity?
2. What is the goal for students once they leave?
3. What’s the students’ relationship with their parents like?
4. Describe the atmosphere of the school. How do the teachers treat the students? How do the students respond to the teachers?
5. Similarities/differences to school today?
6. What is Mr. Keating’s attitude towards the idea of time? Watch for similarities/differences to Holden’s.