John Green on *The Catcher in the Rye*

**Why we should care about literary characters: Why care about Holden?**

*“Other people matter too. It’s a way to hear and be heard.” – John Green*

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| Part. 1 | **Salinger himself said “The weight of the book is in the voice” - Importance of language to this novel (vs. plot or images)** – how is the character’s voice and perspective portrayed through language? | Make a list of all the themes/big ideas Green discusses about the novel |
| Part. 2 | **2 Holdens – 16 year old that this is happening to, 17 year old that is telling us about what happened**  What are the differences between the two and the importance (for the reader) of him telling the story after it happened |
|  | **How/why is empathy an important aspect of this novel?** How do we empathize with Holden and what does this do for us as readers? |