

Summer Assignment for AP LANG' 2025-2026 - *The Catcher in the Rye* - J.D. Salinger

I have several unused copies of this novel in my room if you want to take one to have. Please just stop in and grab one (but let me know)!

Welcome to AP LANG for the upcoming school year! I am excited to get started as soon as school starts. In an effort to keep you sharp and to prepare you for the rigor of AP LANG', you do have a relatively short, straightforward summer reading assignment. This assignment is useful for multiple reasons. First, it gets you reading and thinking critically about what you are reading, which is the majority of what we will do in AP LANG'. Second, you could potentially be able to use this book when answering Free Response Question #3 on the AP LANG' exam in May.

There will be three parts to complete after reading the book. **All parts will be a grade.**

Part #1 - complete SPACECATs, bring a **hard copy** IN PEN (blue or black ink) with you on the first day of school.

S	SPEAKER: Who is the speaker/writer? What do we know about him/her? What point-of-view is present in the text? How does this p.o.v affect how the text is understood?
P	PURPOSE: What is the speaker/writer hoping to accomplish? What is the reason behind the piece? What is the call-to-action, if there is one?
A	AUDIENCE: Who is the author trying to reach? How do you know?
C	CONTEXT: What is the time, place, occasion, etc. of the text? What is happening in the world as it relates to the subject of the text?
E	EXIGENCE (this is the spark): What was the spark that moved the person to write the text? How did that event/moment impact the writer?
C	CHOICES: What are the rhetorical choices (devices and/or verbs) that the speaker makes throughout the text? Have these HIGHLIGHTED with green highlighter throughout the novel. ☰ RHETORICAL CHOICES, STRATEGIES, and DEVICES
A	Leave this blank for now
T	TONE/TONAL SHIFTS: What is the author's/speaker's attitude towards the subject? How do you know? Does his/her tone shift? Where and Why?

Part #2 - you will have a high-level quiz over the book within the first few days of school. All major text quizzes/tests will be out of 100 points.

Part #3 - answer a writing prompt (essay) over the book within the first few days of school. All essays are out of 50 points.

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*Do not walk into class on the first day of school without your summer assignment completed and with you. If a situation arises throughout the summer, you need to email immediately. Also, do not wait until the last minute to complete the summer assignment, it will not go well.