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## Facing Adulthood

### Short Answer Key

1. Holden runs away because he doesn't want to face responsibility or deal with the realities of adulthood.
2. The cliff represents growing up and losing innocence, something Holden wants to protect children from.
3. Phoebe reminds Holden that not everything about growing up is bad and that people can change without becoming phonies.
4. Watching Phoebe enjoy the carousel helps Holden feel a moment of peace and accept that life moves forward.
5. Holden starts to learn that growing up is unavoidable, but it doesn't mean he has to become someone he doesn't want to be.

