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Holden's Guiding Light

Short Answer Key

1. Holden feels different because he dislikes phoniness and struggles to connect with most people.
2. Phoebe helps Holden by listening to him honestly and asking him questions that make him think.
3. Holden is protective of childhood innocence because losing his younger brother, Allie, made him realize how quickly innocence can disappear.
4. Holden once admired D.B. but now feels disappointed that he writes for Hollywood instead of telling meaningful stories.
5. Holden learns that even though life can be painful, there are still people who care about him, like Phoebe.

