

Name _____

Holden's Hat

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Some may say the hat gives Holden confidence because it makes him feel unique, while others may argue that it isolates him further from others.
2. Answers will vary. Students may describe a special stuffed animal, a lucky charm, or another object that makes them feel safe or different.
3. Answers will vary. Some may say Holden enjoys being different because he dislikes society's expectations, while others may say it is a way for him to hide his sadness.
4. Answers will vary. Some may say the hat represents Holden's struggle to hold onto his childhood, while others may say it shows his resistance to the adult world.

