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## Protecting Innocence

### Short Answer Key

1. Phoebe is important to Holden because she represents honesty, kindness, and the innocence he wants to protect.
2. Holden's dream shows that he cares deeply about protecting children from the pain of growing up and losing their innocence.
3. Phoebe helps Holden realize that running away won't fix his problems by asking him questions and making him think about his decisions.
4. The carousel scene is a turning point because Holden feels happy for Phoebe and starts to accept that growing up is a natural part of life.
5. Holden begins to understand that he can't stop people from growing up, but he can still love and support them.

