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The Real and the Fake

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Some may argue that Holden was being fake because he wasn't honest, while others may say he was being kind because he wanted to make Ernest's mother happy.
2. Answers will vary. Possible reasons include wanting to fit in, impress others, or hide their true feelings.
3. Answers will vary. Holden might feel guilty or confused because he dislikes phoniness but realizes he's not always honest himself.
4. Answers will vary. Possible advice includes encouraging Holden to focus on good people, accept that nobody is perfect, or find things that make him happy instead of worrying about others.

