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***What conclusions does the author want the reader to make about Holden, a teenager, after reading Chapter 1?***

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***What is the single most traumatic episode, that we are aware of, in Holden’s life and how has it obviously affected his development as a person so far?***

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***How does Holden use alienation in all aspects of his life to protect himself and what is he protecting himself from and why?***

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**Focus Question #4**

***Is Holden’s desire to protect the young and innocent noble and admirable or is it selfish and foolish?***

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**Focus Question #5**

***In the process of Holden conforming and having a more mature perspective of the world, what is gained and what is lost?***

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