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Eng. Foundations III – Silver

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The Catcher in the Rye – Ch. 25 (194-213)

Read and annotate the passages below. Make notes of important details, repetition, symbolism, confusing words/ideas, characterization, etc.

After reading and annotating both passages, choose one about which to write a 5+ sentence response. What is your emotional response to the moment? Based on your understanding of the novel, why is this scene important, and what conclusions can you draw from it (you should incorporate your annotations!)?

Excerpt 1, Page 197

Anyway, I kept walking and walking up Fifth Avenue, without any tie on or anything. Then all of a sudden, something very spooky started happening. Every time I came to the end of a block and stepped off the goddam curb, I had this feeling that I'd never get to the other side of the street. I thought I'd just go down, down, down, and nobody'd ever see me again...

Finally admitting he's falling

Innocence → Mr. A = "you're in for a terrible FALL!"  
↓  
Fall = adulthood

Motif

repetition

He won't achieve success

Every time I'd get to the end of a block I'd make believe I was talking to my brother Allie. I'd say to him, Allie don't let me disappear. Please Allie. And then when I'd reach the other side of the street without disappearing, I'd thank him.

isolate myself completely

die?

He misses Allie, pretends he's still there

Allie = Holden's God?

- superior H.'s mentor? Guiding force

Excerpt 2, Pages 211-212

...The thing with kids is, if they want to grab for the gold ring, you have to let them do it, and not say anything. If they fall off, they fall off, but it's bad if you say anything to them.

REALIZATION!

When the ride was over she got off her horse and came over to me. "You ride once, too, this time," she said.

"No, I'll just watch ya. I think I'll just watch," I said. I gave her some more of her dough.

"Here. Get some more tickets."

She took the dough off me. "I'm not mad at you anymore," she said.

"I know. Hurry up – the thing's gonna start again."

Then all of a sudden she gave me a kiss. Then she held her hand out, and said, "It's raining. It's starting to rain."

"I know."

H. changes perspective on life!  
Everyone HAS to grow up & that's not such a bad thing  
-Turning pt → now he needs to fix his life!

Then what she did – it damn near killed me – she reached in my coat pocket and took out my red hunting hat and put it on my head.

"Don't you want it?" I said.

"You can wear it a while."

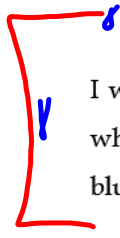
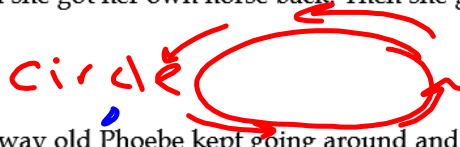
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Then she walked all the way around it till she got her own horse back. Then she got on it. She waved to me and I waved back.

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I felt so damn happy all of a sudden, the way old Phoebe kept going around and around. I was damn near bawling, I felt so damn happy, if you want to know the truth. I don't know why. It was just that she looked so damn nice, the way she kept going around and around, in her blue coat and all. God, I wish you could have been there.

Phoebe is helping / protecting him  
↳ younger sibling (irony)



Response:

- relief & cries HAPPY tears
  - Phoebe's still a child
  - Holden will have to help Phoebe grow up in the right way
- That he's finally WITH Somebody
- Audie? Audience?