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In the book `The Catcher in the Rye' I think that Salinger writes a very questionable story which has a very intriging insight into how modern adolesence behave and think in the time when the book was writen. I also think that alot of the book can still relate to how adolesence portray things today.

There are alot of key themes in the book which are common amoung adolesence these days. I will be discussing these during the duration of my essay, they will include how Holden thinks of so called `phony' people, his relationships and sexuality, his conflicts and rebellion and also his personal identity and comformity.

Holden thinks there are alot of phony people in the world and that they all are secking there own feeling of acomplishment in some way. He can only relate to one person his sister, Pheobe. Holden is a compulsive liar and he fears intamicy which may show that he is lacking alittle self comfort with himself in letting go and expressing his real feelings. Some examples of phony people are Sally Hayes, Carl Lauce, Maurice, Sunny the prostitute, and even Mr Spencer. These people are phonies according to Holden and I can see why he thinks so.

Holden has sexuality and relationship problems. These are mainly caused by his inability to express himself in a regular way, Holden is very unpredictable in his behaviour and moods.