1. How does Salinger create an authentic voice
2. What is Holden’s attitude towards his parents/brother/peers
3. What themes are conveyed through this representation
4. As the novel is set in the 1950’s in America, is the way society, school and the teenage experience still relevant today.

Answers

Salinger uses multiple techniques like colloquialism, expressions and innocence to create a unique childlike perspective on his surrounding events. An example of him using the innocence of a child to add a unique story telling perspective is using Holden’s ignorance and obliviousness to the outside world, like when he mention the school and quotes “ I am sure you have heard of it”

Holden adapts a very antiestablishment approach to his school and parent and although he is subjective to it, comments heavily on the superficial nature of his peers

Coming of age is a key theme in this novel

I believe that if you deepen your approach to examine this novel you with find that although the language style is out dated, that the core themes are very relevant today.