CATCHER IN THE RYE: NON- VOCABULARY REFERENCE WORDS

1. foils: fencing swords
2. grippe: a contagious viral infection characterized by inflammation of the respiratory tract
3. chiffonier: a tall, narrow chest of drawers or bureau, often with a mirror
4. lagoon: a shallow body of water, especially one separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs
5. falsetto: a male singing voice marked by artificially produced tones in an upper register beyond the normal range
6. caddy: one hired to assist a golfer, especially to carry golf clubs
7. halitosis: the medical condition of having stale or foul-smelling breath
8. foyer: entrance hall
9. cockeyed: foolish; ridiculous; absurd
10. inferiority complex: feelings of inadequacy; lack of self-esteem
11. pedagogical: relating to education or teaching
12. gladstones: small suitcase hinged to open into two compartments of equal size
13. gore: blood/violence
14. rostrum: platform or podium
15. chateau: French castle
16. rake: jerk; scoundrel; cruel person
17. clavichord: a stringed instrument; Holden pretends it's something in his spinal cord
18. mutiny: when the crew of a ship kills the captain and takes over
19. stenographer: someone who transcribes conversations in shorthand (court reporters are referred to as stenographers)
20. frock: coat; cloak
21. blasé: having done something so much that you're bored by it
22. louse: loser
23. aristocratic: upper class; distinguished
24. atheist: someone who doesn’t believe in God
25. reversible: jacket that can be worn on either side
26. rile: disturb; make chaos
27. gripe: complain
28. chisel: wear down
29. flitty: 1950’s way of referencing that someone is gay

*Add any others that you come across to the back of this paper and we will go over the definitions in class.*