

The Catcher in the Rye
Assignment
Movie Casting

Imagine that the movie rights to Salinger's **The Catcher in the Rye** have just been sold. The film's producers have hired YOU as their casting director :-)

Write a **formal business letter** to the film director of your choice (whose style you think would best fit for the adaptation of Salinger's novel). You may wish to choose one of the following directors:

Steven Spielberg, Terence Malick, Francis Ford Coppola, Sophia Coppola, Stephen Daldry, Cameron Crowe, Quentin Tarantino, Stephen Soderbergh, Ron Howard, Gus Van Sant, Joel & Ethan Coen, Kevin Smith...

Your letter should list and outline **your reasoning or justification** for choosing particular actors for each of the following characters. You should cite the actor's previous work, style or appearance.

Holden
Ackley
Stradlater
Phoebe
Allie
Mr. Spencer
Mr. Antolini
Jane Gallagher
Sally Hayes
Mrs. Morrow
Sunny the Prostitute
Maurice

*Check out this site for a good format for a business letter:
<https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/Bus/BusinessLetter.html>

* Your assignment will be graded for the organization & mechanics of your letter style as well as the depth of your analysis and recognition of the character traits and details. Remember that your cast should work as a coherent unit (example; an actor of the status of Robert DiNiro would likely not appear in the same picture as Mitchel Musso - just sayin').