

## Ghost World Reading Notes

The following notes will assist you in preparing for our Multimedia Essay. Part of the essay assignment will be to compare and contrast *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Ghost World*. As you read *Ghost World*, take notes on how the issues Enid and Rebecca struggle with are similar to those Holden struggles with. Pay particular attention to how the themes of phoniness, conformity and coming of age are represented in each work. Use the provided prompts to get started.

1. Most stories have some kind of hero. Is anyone in this story deserving of that title? Is any character even particularly moral?

2. How does the book use irony to communicate its message?

3. Why does Enid visit Cavetown, USA and what does she discover when she gets there? Does this tell us anything about life in general? If so, what?

4. What is the significance of the title of this book?

5. Both Rebecca and Enid seem to pride themselves on being different from normal, American society. Are they different from most Americans? Why or why not?

**Other Observations:**