# Holton's Spending Activity

Throughout the book, The Catcher in the Rye, the main character, Holton, continuously explains how he paid for things when he was in New York.

Answer the following questions.

1.) On page 68, Holton explains a typewriter costs ninety bucks, but a schoolmate brought it for twenty.

   a.) At what percentage of the price did his schoolmate buy the typewriter?

   b.) Using the percentage increase from the 1940s to 2014, what would the typewriter cost in 2014?

   c.) Many people do not own typewriters now. Instead they type their information on a computer. Could Holton have made more money in 2014? How?

2.) On page 151, Holton went to a record store and bought the record "Little Shirley Beans" for five dollars.

   a.) Using the average salary for the 1940s. Was $5 for a record considered expensive?

   b.) Using the percentage increase from the 1940s to 2014, what would the record cost in 2014?

   c.) In 2014 the average cost of a record was between 12 to 40 dollars. Is it cheaper to buy a record in the 1940s or 2014?

3.) On page 142, Holton contributes ten dollars to a nun's fundraiser. The nun continuously asked him if he could afford it.

   a.) Was ten dollars considered a lot of money in the 1940s?

   b.) Using the average salary in the 1940s, what percentage of their salary is the contribution?

   c.) Using the average salary in 2014 and the same percentage from the contribution in the 1940s, how much money should be contribution in 2014?