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What is Ignatius like, what does he wear, how does he interpret the world, and how might his approach to his experiences help and not help him?

Ignatius is an entertaining character to analyze. The large man wears a green hunting cap and carries himself with a false sense of inflated individuality. Overall, Ignatius Reilly might be categorized as a person with a cynical point of view, however, still being convinced that he is better and above everyone. Ignatius' outlook on life forced the character to be wildly self-confident but in reality, is a lazy unemployable grown child with almost nothing to show for. Along the way, Ignatius' misinformed paradigm has both helped him and hurt him. Positively, the character's enormous ego and out-of-touchness with reality gives Ignatius the confidence to at least attempt to stage a social rebellion, for example. These same qualities work against Ignatius as well. Although he is gifted with self-confidence and a wild imagination, Ignatius doesn't really have any skills besides eating hot dogs and whining. In short, Ignatius' hero is Ignatius, and the character is always high on himself- like when he comes up with the world peace through homosexuality plan. While I can't necessarily dispute his rationale, I don't think it is the most direct path to world peace. Realistically, Ignatius is not an outstanding member of society, but according to him, he is society,