Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

Free Write Schedule

After reading the selection, please **respond fully** to the following prompts. These will be submitted to Canvas every two chapters.  If you choose to handwrite these, after I return your paper, you can absolutely add the next free write on it. Each response is expected to be submitted in paragraph form (unless noted) and graded out of 10 points.

*After chapter 1:*

Think about what it would take for you to give up everything and walk away from everyone. Write your opinion of Chris McCandless. We don’t know much about him, but considering all things, what do you think of him and his plan?

*In chapter 2:*

1. Describe the area/exterior and interior of the bus where Chris McCandless’s body was found. (chart is fine)

**HAND IN 1 & 2 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 3:*

1. Define: rubber tramps, leather tramps, nomadic, OXFAM (brief definitions are fine)

2. What did Westerberg think sometimes got Alex into trouble?

3. Tell the significance of *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy. Why is that book important for Chris to give Wayne over any other book?

4. What were Chris’s thoughts on gifts? Why?

*In chapter 4:*

1. Why is the flash flood actually a blessing in Alex’s eyes?

2. From reading the snippets of Alex’s journals, describe his attitude/outlook/American dream in ten (10) words.

**HAND IN 3 & 4 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 5*

1. What does “plastic people” mean? With a quote(s) from the book, explain two things Alex considers plastic.

*In chapter 6*

1. After Alex left Franz, explain why Alex was “relieved.”

**HAND IN 5 & 6 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 7*

1. What are the reasons that Alex “didn’t get along with his family”?

2. Why does the author include the section about Alex’s lack of sexual activity?

*After chapter 8*

1. How is Alex similar to and different than Rosellini, Waterman, and McCunn? Use ~6 quotes from the book.

2. Explain why Krakauer describes Alex as a “pilgrim.”

**HAND IN 7 & 8 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 9*

1. The author claims “Ruess was just as romantic as McCandless, if not more so.” Remember a few units back? What does being a “romantic” mean? Connect it to Chris/Alex.

2. Everett Ruess scrawled “NEMO” on the rocks in Davis Gulch. What is the significance of the name Nemo? Make the connection with Chris.

*In chapter 10*

1. Detail the difficult process the Alaska State Troopers had while trying to identify McCandless’s body.

**HAND IN 9 & 10 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 11*

1. Find **two** quotes to show **two** qualities Chris and his dad have in common.

2. Identify **two** specific details or examples (**using quotes**) from Chris’s childhood/high school years that predict his later behavior.

*In chapter 12*

1. What did Chris learn on his road trip that created a rift between him and his parents?

2. Describe Chris’s college life. **Support your points with quotes from the reading.**

**HAND IN 11 & 12 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 13*

1. Compare and contract Chris’s feelings about with family with their feelings towards him.

**SKIP chapters 14 and 15**

*In chapter 16*

1. Based on the writings he highlighted and commented on and events in this chapter, what convinced McCandless that it was time to return to civilization? **Support your answer with specific details.**

2. What did he learn from his time “in the wild”?

**Hand in 13 & 16 TOGETHER**

*In chapter 17*

1. Krakauer writes it is not “unusual for a young man to be drawn to a pursuit considered reckless by his elders.” **Identify two details** from this chapter where McCandless demonstrates this.

2. Krakauer claims Chris’s “life hummed with meaning and purpose.” Do you agree with Krakauer? **Support your response with at least one quote from this chapter.**

*In chapter 18*

1. Is Chris McCandless to blame for his own death? Explain your opinion using **two details** from the chapter**.**

2. What is the significance of signing the S.O.S note “Chris McCandless”?

**Hand in 17 & 18 TOGETHER**