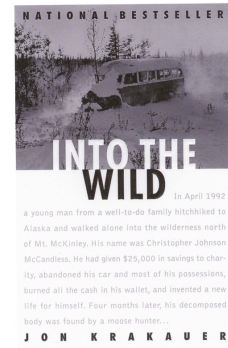


**COURSE TITLE** Honors American Literature (**Grade 10**)

**CHOICE TEXT** *Into The Wild*

**AUTHOR** Jon Krakauer

**GENRE** Non-fiction- Adventure



## DESCRIPTION

The cover of *Into The Wild* asserts that in April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhikes to Alaska and walks alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name is Christopher Johnson McCandless. Donating \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoning his car and most of his possessions, and leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, McCandless vanishes into the wild. Jon Krakauer, the author, reassembles the facts of McCandless's life, searching for the essential clues that define his character. Themes such as man versus nature and man versus man shift throughout this non-fiction narrative.

## REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE

While you read, you should be annotating for the high and low points of Chris McCandless' life and journey, in addition to characterization, plot, symbolism, theme, etc. Be sure to think about and identify the events and situations that have affected the high and low points of his life. Use any method of annotation you like including, but not limited to: Literature Log, post-it notes, marginal notes, highlighting.

- **Due First Day of School:** bring your annotations with you to class
- **Future Assignments:** During the first week, you will work to complete a graphic organizer in response to an essay prompt using your annotations.