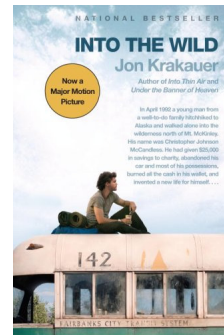


COURSE TITLE: Voices of American Literature (Grade 10)

REQUIRED TEXT: *Into The Wild*

AUTHOR: Jon Krakauer

GENRE: Non-fiction, Memoir



SUMMARY:

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:

During the first marking period, students will compose a compare/contrast essay about choices and consequences using the main character from a summer reading book and a character from one of the short stories in the opening unit of the year.

SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE:

Through a journal or log, students may trace the major decisions of the main characters, as well as the consequences of those decisions. These journals/logs will not be collected, but will be helpful for in-class discussions. Students who have completed a journal/log may use them during the completion of a graphic organizer during the first days of school.

