***Into the Wild* – by Jon Krakauer Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Author’s Note & Chapter 1 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1. What event happened in April 1992 that prompted the writing of INTO THE WILD?**
**a)** An eighty-year-old man called OUTSIDE Magazine to tell them about the death of Chris McCandless.
**b)** Christopher Johnson McCandless hitchhiked to Alaska and entered the wilderness alone; four months later, a group of hunters found his body.
**c**) Hikers found a man’s frozen body along the Stampede Trail, a treacherous hiking path in Alaska. **d)** Christopher McCandless disappeared and his parents were investigating his disappearance.

**2. Where did Chris McCandless come from?**
**a)** Berkley, California
**b)** Fairbanks, Alaska
**c)** New York City
**d)** suburb outside Washington, D.C.

**3. Where had Chris McCandless attended school and graduated with honors?**
**a)** Emory University.
**b)** Harvard University.
**c)** The University of Virginia.
**d)** Yale University.

**4. What actions did Chris take right after graduating from college?**
**a)** He took off on a backpacking trip that he hoped would eventually take him to every state in the US. **b)** He wrote letters to his family and friends telling them of his crazy plans, but he decided not to mail them.
**c)** He gave away his entire savings to charity, abandoned his possessions, and invented a new life for himself. **d)** He registered for law school, rented a new apartment, bought a used car, and disappeared.

**5. Why was the author, Jon Krakauer, interested in writing Chris's story?**
**a)** Krakauer wanted to show what happened to Chris in the hopes of preventing other young men from doing the same things.
**b)** Krakauer recognized that Chris's story would be a sure-fire best seller and be made into a movie.
**c)** Krakauer had nothing better to do at the time and thought he would enjoy visiting all the places Chris had gone.
**d)** Krakauer identified with McCandless's attraction to nature and to high-risk activities, and also understood the young man's troubled relationship with his father.

**6. What did Krakauer include in the book besides events he uncovered from the life of Chris McCandless?**
**a)** Some of his own experiences as a young man
**b)** Facts and figures from the U. S. Census Bureau
**c)** A few excerpts from stories that Chris had written on his journey
**d)** Some allusions to Huckleberry Finn

**7. What do many people think about Chris McCandless?**
**a)** That he was accident prone.
**b)** That he was murdered in Alaska.
**c)** That he had the spirit of Daniel Boone.
**d)** That he was a “wacko” who threw away his life.

**8. What does Krakauer think might have made the difference in Chris's survival?**
**a)** If he had taken someone with him.
**b)** If he had not made one or two critical mistakes.
**c)** If he had brought along some brandy.
**d)** If he had found a warmer shelter in Alaska.

**9. How does Krakauer classify Chris as opposed to the way most people saw him?**
**a)** As a classic example of a true Robinson Crusoe.
**b)** As not very different from many idealistic, short-sighted young people.
**c)** As a mentally unbalanced, reckless idiot.
**d)** As a true hero others should admire.

**10. What is the tone of Krakauer's book?**
**a)** Compassionate.
**b)** Angry.
**c)** Defiant.
**d)** Fearful.

**11. What appears to be Krakauer's main motive in writing INTO THE WILD?**
**a)** To win a Pulitzer Prize.
**b)** To make money.
**c)** To justify his own youth.
**d)** To defend Chris McCandless from his critics.

**12. Near what famous landmark did Chris McCandless die?**
**a)** Old Faithful.
**b)** Mt. McKinley.
**c)** Mt. Rushmore.
**d)** Mt. St. Helens.

**13. What evidence at the beginning of Chapter 1 suggests that Chris might have had a premonition about his death?**

**14. Name two specific ways Chris WAS PREPARED for his Alaskan adventure.**

**15. Name two specific ways Chris WAS NOT PREPARED for his Alaskan adventure.**

**16. When Jim Gallien picks up Chris, what goes through the back of his mind?**

**17. Name one specific item that Chris gives Jim Gallien and what it shows about his character.**

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