*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

Quiz – Chapters 10-11

**1. At the time of publication of the notice of Chris's death, what problem did the police have?**  
**a)** They had no response from the public about the body.  
**b)** They did not have forensic labs in that part of Alaska.  
**c)** They had been unable to identify him.  
**d)** They had been unable to get the body out.

**2. Why did the police know Chris's real last name?**  
**a)** From his journal.  
**b)** From his Virginia driver's license.  
**c)** From the note he had taped to the bus door.  
**d)** From his Social Security card they found in his wallet.

**3. What connection did Jim Gallien make when he read the article?**  
**a)** The empty bag of rice the article said the police found in the bus.  
**b)** The young hitchhiker he had given a ride to the Stampede Trail.  
**c)** The .22-caliber rifle they found in the bus.  
**d)** The rubber boots the news article mentioned.

**4. What information does Gallien provide the police?**  
**a)** That Alex's real name was Chris McCandless.  
**b)** That the young man had called himself Alex and had come from South Dakota.  
**c)** That Alex was coughing badly when he dropped him off.  
**d)** That Alex had mentioned a friend named Ron in California.

**5. How was Westerberg able to help the police?**  
**a)** He had a photo of Chris's yellow Datsun with the license plate showing.  
**b)** He had Chris's Social Security number on file.  
**c)** He had Chris's fingerprints on file.  
**d)** He told them Chris graduated from Emory University.

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**6. Chris's parents had moved but his step brother was contacted. After he positively identified Chris, what did Sam do?**  
**a)** Contacted Gallien to get more information.  
**b)** Flew to Alaska to claim the body.  
**c)** Drove the Maryland to inform Chris's parents.  
**d)** Told his wife that he always knew Chris would end that way.

**7. When did Jon Krakauer interview Walt McCandless?**  
**a)** Seven weeks after Chris's body was recovered.  
**b)** Never. He would not speak with Krakauer.  
**c)** A year after Chris died.  
**d)** On what would have been Chris's birthday.

**8. What was in the McCandless house that speaks to the feelings of Walt and Billie McCandless toward Chris?**  
**a)** All of Chris's track trophies lined up on the mantle.  
**b)** No photos of Chris are in the house.  
**c)** A photo memorial to Chris on the dining room table.  
**d)** Clippings of newspaper articles and magazine stories about Chris.

**9. What important work does Walt McCandless do?**  
**a)** Biochemist.  
**b)** Advanced radar technology.  
**c)** CIA undercover.  
**d)** Nuclear physicist.

**10. What gift did Walt give Billie after the birth of Chris?**  
**a)** A leather-bound copy of *Leaves of Grass*.  
**b)** A 3-carat diamond ring.  
**c)** The Gianini guitar that was left in the yellow Datsun.  
**d)** A vacation in Paris.

**11. What family outings did the family mention to Krakauer?**  
**a)** A yearly trip to Texas.  
**b)** Camping trips with an Airstream Trailer.  
**c)** A beach house in Cape Cod.  
**d)** Going to the Grand Canyon every year.

**12. What statement describes Chris’ attitude in sports?**   
**a)** He did not take defeat well.  
**b)** He wanted other people to win.  
**c)** He was not interested in competition.  
**d)** He was lazy about training.

**13. When Chris lived at home in Virginia, how would he spend his Friday nights?**

**a)** going to keg parties and sneaking into Georgetown bars  
**b)** mostly reading but occasionally watching movies  
**c)** talking to and feeding prostitutes and homeless people  
**d)** running with Carine and her dog Buckley

**14. While in high school, Chris did not plan to go to college. What changed his mind?**

**a)** his parents’ repeated talks  
**b)** his friend, Eric Hathaway  
**c)** a request from a family friend who left him a large sum of money  
**d)** advice from his English and history teachers

**15. Krakauer reported that as a teenager, Chris had a puzzling, complex personality. Give one detail to explain what he meant.**

Bonus Questions (1/2 point each)

1. What did Chris “sell” as a child to make money?

2. In what class did Chris receive an F?

3. Who are Stacy, Shawna, Shelly, and Shannon?

Thought Question –

If you had gone to high school (or college) with Chris McCandless, how likely is it that you would have been friends with him? Explain why or why not.