**Quiz – *Into the Wild* – Chapters 17-18**

1. When he traveled to the site where Chris died, what item did Krakauer have in his possession that Chris did not have?

a) two way radio  
b) compass  
c) clean drinking water  
d) a topographical map

2. What sad discovery does Krakauer make just a quarter mile downstream on the Teklanika River where Chris had been unable to cross?

a) there is an old bridge that a person could walk across  
b) there is a ranger station stocked with all kinds of food and supplies  
c) a steel cable stretches across the river with a basket suspended from the cable by pulleys  
d) the river narrows to a passable jump

3. Who said, “Sure, he screwed up, but I admire what he was trying to do. Living completely off the lad month after month, is incredibly difficult…When I first started coming to Alaska, I think I was probably a lot like McCandless: just as green, just as eager. And I’m sure there are plenty of other Alaskans who had a lot in common with McCandless when they first got here, too, including many of his critics.”

a) Roman Dial  
b) John Krakauer  
c) Jim Gallien  
d) Dan Solie

4. Two of the hunters, Gordon Samel and Ken Thompson, who discovered McCandless’ body believed that the large animal he shot was not a moose. They believed it was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, calling Chris “stupid” and “incompetent.” When Krakauer proves it was a moose, he indirectly showed Samel and Thompson were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. In an attempt to explain why McCandless did what he did, Krakauer compares him to Sir John Franklin, John Muir, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Ultimately, however, he states that McCandless is unlike these men and that he does not fit any stereotype. He attributes what happened to Chris to “the passion and longings of youth.”

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6. How does Krakauer interpret the evidence he gathers about Chris?

a) He believes that Chris immersed himself in nature in an effort to isolate himself from human society.  
b) He suggests someone else was in the bus and refused to help Chris.  
c) He sees Chris as a hopeless “greenhorn” without any knowledge of the terrain.  
d) He thinks that Chris was completely irrational and contributed to his own death.

7. What evidence does Krakauer find that suggests Chris was ready to re-enter society?

a) Chris had written down the names and addresses of everyone who had helped him so he could visit them again.  
b) Chris had made a note in Dr. Zhivago that true happiness is meant to be shared with fellow human beings.  
c) The graffiti Chris drawn on the bus indicated he wanted to see people again.  
d) Chris’ journal indicated that he was beginning to doubt Thoreau.

8. What does Krakauer think actually killed Chris?

a) undercooked or spoiled meat   
b) moldy wild potato seeds  
c) tainted canned goods found in the bus  
d) wild sweet pea seeds

9. Why is August 5th important in Chris’ notes?

a) the day he gave up and admitted defeat  
b) the day he shot at a bear but missed  
c) the day he wrote how absolutely lonely he was  
d) his 100th day in the wild; he was feeling trapped

10. When Chris leaves the bus on August 12, he leaves a note on the door of the bus. Basically, what does it say?

a) Don’t leave me here to die. Alexander Supertramp  
b) I need medical attention. Please find me. Alex  
c) If you are reading this, honk the horn of the bus and I will return ASAP. Chris  
d) I am weak and in desperate need of help. Chris McCandless

11. If Chris had explored six miles south of the bus, he would have found

a) a camp of moose hunters  
b) a cabin stocked with first aid, food, and bedding  
c) another Fairbanks bus with survival supplies  
d) both A and B

12. Who are Will Forsburg and Steve Carwile?

a) men who believe Chris vandalized a private cabin  
b) men who removed Chris’ body from the bus  
c) men who spotted Chris from their helicopter  
d) none of these

13. True or False? There is evidence that Chris started a fire as a distress signal.

14. True or False? John Krakauer identifies the symptoms Chris likely experienced as he died of starvation.

15. Although he is “horribly emaciated, almost skeletal,” what is so poignant (touching) about the final photograph Chris took of himself holding his good-bye note?

**Bonus Questions: ½ point each**

Chris probably died on August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Magic Bus’ number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What did Krakauer find in the bus that connected to

Jim Gallien? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Franz? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_