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

Study Guide for Chapters 10 – 13 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 10, Fairbanks**

1. When the media first reported on Chris's death, what key details did the AP news article reveal?

2. Why did the police know Chris's real last name?

3. What connection did Jim Gallien make when he read the article?

4. What information does Gallien provide the police?

5. How was Westerberg able to help the police?

6. Chris's parents had moved so the authorities contacted his step brother. After he positively identified Chris, what did Sam do?

**Chapter 11, Chesapeake Beach**

1. When did Jon Krakauer interview Walt McCandless?

2. What was in the McCandless house that speaks to the feelings of Walt and Billie McCandless toward Chris?

3. What important work does Walt McCandless do?

4. Describe Walt McCandless. What is his personality like?

5. What gift did Walt give Billie after the birth of Chris? What became of it?

6. What family outings did the family mention to Krakauer?

7. What type of athlete was Chris? What words describe his attitude in sports?

8. When Chris lived at home in Virginia, he would spend his Friday nights in the downtown Washington DC area. What was he doing? What does this show about his personality?

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

10. Krakauer reported that as a teenager, Chris had a puzzling, complex personality. Explain what he meant.

**Chapter 12, Annandale**

1. What was the tender moment between Chris and his father right after Chris graduated from high school?

2. What did Chris do the summer after his sophomore year in college? How did he physically change during that time?

3. What was the skeleton in Walt's closet that stressed the whole family, Chris in particular?

4. How did Chris treat his parents following his discovery? What changes did people notice in him? What type of college kid was he?

5. After Chris disappears after graduation, why didn’t Carine get upset because he didn’t tell her where he was?

6. What were his parents’ thoughts in the months and years that followed his disappearance?

7. What happened to Billie in July of 1992? How does this connect to what was happening to Chris?

**Chapter 13, Virginia Beach**

1. What is prominently displayed in the home of Carine McCandless?

2. What does Carine recall that Chris loved so much?

3. How are Carine and her brother, Chris, similar? How are they different?

4. How did Carine react to the news of her brother’s death? What might this show?

5. Who flew to Alaska to bring home Chris’ remains? Why them?

6. Billie said she didn’t understand why Chris had “to take those kinds of chances.” How would you explain it to her?

Writing - What do you think about the fact that Chris did not contact his sister or parents again? Do you think this was an unforgivable thing to do? Why or why not?