

English 11 Honors with Ms. Peterson

Welcome to your summer reading journey! This summer I would like you to read the novel *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer. It tells the story of Chris McCandless, a young man who after graduating from college decides to abandon his car, his possessions, his savings account and hitchhike across the United States on a quest for meaning in his life. This true story has captured the attention of millions and will no doubt make an impression upon you. Please read the novel over the summer and complete the following:

1. With each chapter I would like you to respond in two ways:
 - a. Complete a minimum of two different reading strategies. You may write them on post-it notes or on loose leaf; whatever works best for you. Write the specific type of strategy at the top of your post-it, the page number, and then your thoughts, questions, etc.
 - b. At the end of each chapter I would like you to write a response to what you have read. I would like a minimum of 6-8 sentences where you respond to the reading. This response may be in a journal, word processed or hand written.

Both the novel, with strategies, and the reader response are due the first week back to school.

If you have any questions, you may email me at the following address:

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I am looking forward to a rich discussion and analysis of this piece in the fall and to having you in class!

Happy Summer Reading!

Ms. Peterson

ps If you like this piece, you might also enjoy reading *Into Thin Air*, also written by Krakauer, about the summit attempt of Mount Everest by teams of international climbers of which Krakauer was a member. He gives vivid first-hand accounts of the terrain, the technical requirements and the tragedy several climbers faced as a horrific storm engulfs the climbers. It is awesome!!!