

English 11 and English III

Into The Wild by Jon Krakauer: Read and be prepared to discuss when classes begin.

As you prepare for the discussion on Jon Krakauer's "Into the Wild," consider the intricate themes and questions the book raises. Chris McCandless' journey is an exploration of individualism and self-discovery, reflecting his desire to forge an identity apart from societal norms. The wilderness plays a dual role in his story, representing both the allure of untouched nature and its inherent dangers. McCandless' rejection of materialism and conventional success critiques societal values, while his complex relationships, particularly with his family, highlight his internal conflicts. His drive for risk and adventure questions the balance between nobility and recklessness in his actions. The narrative's structure, enriched by Krakauer's own experiences and interviews with those who knew McCandless, offers a multifaceted view of his character. As you delve into these themes, consider how McCandless' story resonates personally, challenging or inspiring your own perspectives on life and choices. This holistic understanding will prepare you for a thoughtful and engaging classroom discussion.