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How Chris McCandless Died: Processing Questions

Pre-Reading

Respond to these questions before reading Krakauer's "How Chris McCandless Died"

1 - Based on your understanding of *Into the Wild*, why is it that Chris McCandless ends up dead in that bus in the Alaskan wilderness rather than walking out from that wilderness several days or weeks later?

2 - In looking at the way McCandless chose to live his life and in how his life ultimately ended, rate McCandless on a scale from "fool" to "hero" using the likert scale below and explain your rating.

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6
Fool Hero

Your work with this reading will be assessed using the following rubric:

Standard	100	92	70	50
Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of	I can identify a set of key ideas in a text and explain how those ideas develop an overall argument as well as how they are significant to the message of the text.	I can identify a set of key ideas in a text and explain how those ideas develop an overall argument.	I can identify a set of ideas in a text, but I cannot yet explain how these develop an overall argument.	I cannot yet identify a set of key ideas in a text and explain how those ideas develop an overall argument.

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Reading Activity

As you read, paraphrase information from the article to complete the chart below

Individual	Perspective on McCandless' Death	Ethos	Evidence
1993 Jon Krakauer			
Ronald Hamilton			
Thomas Clausen and Edward Treadwell			
Dr. Jonathan Southard and Wendy Gruber			
Dr. Craig Larner			
2013 Jon Krakauer			

Post Reading:

Respond to this question after finishing the reading and reading activity

4 - Based on your understanding of Krakauer’s argument, what difference does how McCandless died make to the story?