

ITW Blogging Assignment--Non-fiction Reporting 50 points
Due Friday October 28th at 11:59 PM

One of the most compelling parts of the novel is how Jon Krakauer builds a non-fictional character using a number of different strategies.

As we're learning in our McCandless Presentation Projects, Krakauer uses setting, actions, writings, influences, effects, different points of view, and family influences in an attempt to explain why Chris does what he does. The effect is a multifaceted, intriguing mosaic--a deep picture of a man.

In an attempt to understand this style, I would like you to copy it.

Pick a real person. It can be any person, living or dead, and describe him or her in a compelling way using **at least two of the above characterization strategies**. If you want to use a characterization strategy that Krakauer doesn't use, that's fine, but you should have at least two different ways of "framing" your subject.

You are going to have to do some research. Not academic research, gathering facts in an effort to frame your idea.

This post should be a little bit longer--around 500 words at a minimum. It will also be given a slightly larger grading weight. 50 points.

Grading:

30 Points--Graded as a normal blog post

20 points--How effective are the characterization strategies? Are there two distinct ways of framing the subject? Do the strategies work together or is the piece disjointed and jumbled? At the end of the day, how effective is the piece at presenting the subject?

5 paragraph essay--Describing a person

Possibilities for Evidence:

- Things they've said
- Things others have said about them
- Way that they control their setting
- Their influences on others
- People or words or ideas that have inspired them
- Familial Relationships
- Their actions...large and small

Sources that can be cited:

- Biographies
- News articles
- Academic Journals
- Essays
- Books

You should have a single thesis statement that contains the 3 subpoints in your essay.