

Nov Blog Sample



Friendship, death, loss, mystery. All of these subjects are in the book *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. Miles, a teenager who is leaving for boarding school, does not have many friends. He wanted to make friends at his new highschool, a boarding school, and he did. But, one of his new friends, Alaska, was very spontaneous. After getting her hidden stash of alcohol out, when the dean went to bed, she had a night of drinking with friends. Then Alaska needed a favor. So, Miles, nicknamed Pudge, and one of his friends granted that favor, but everything didn't turn out the way they wanted. ***In Looking For Alaska by John Green, the theme is when people experience loss, their actions might not be the best.***

Alaska showed that when people experience loss, their actions might not be the best when Alaska drives drunk. Alaska received a phone call after a night of drinking, and remembered that it was the anniversary of the day her mom died. She went back to the room and begged her friends, the Colonel and Pudge, to help her distract the headmaster so she could leave the school to go to her mother's grave. After Alaska died in a car crash, her friends looked back, thinking "We did not say: *Don't drive. You're drunk.*

We did not say: We aren't letting you in that car when you are upset."(Green 132) When Alaska drove drunk and died in a car crash, her friends showed that when they experience loss, their actions might not have been the best when they thought about the moment where they should have told her not to drive because she was drunk and upset.

The Colonel showed that when people experience loss their actions might not be the best when the Colonel leaves for over two days. After the Colonel lost

Alaska, a friend who died in a car crash, he needed to go on a walk to cool down and think about things. He left the school property without telling anyone, then two days later the Colonel came back from walking in the cold feeling better "...the thought of the Colonel out there somewhere, his head down, his teeth clenched, walking into the wind..."Yes. Eighty-four miles in forty five hours." (Green 148-149) After Alaska died in the car crash, the Colonel needed some time to think. The Colonel's actions were not the best when he went on a walk, and left the school alone, with no warning, and came back two days later.

I rate this book a 9.8/10 because the book has action, mystery, death, a little romance, and some comedy. It's also a great book to read for fun or if you just need a book to read that would be interesting, but wouldn't start to get boring throughout the story.

REMINDERS -

- You may need multiple #3s and #5s.
- Put only one idea/sentence per #3 and #5.
- Do not use "you" or talk to the reader in formal writing!!
- **CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT**
 - Assume the reader doesn't know the book or story. Explain ANY terms, characters, or situations that are unclear.