

### **English III Honors Summer Assignment**

**Please procure and read *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer.** *Into the Wild* is a non-fiction that tells the story of Christopher McCandless, a young man who ventured into the Alaskan wilderness and died there in 1992. The book explores McCandless's journey, his motivations for leaving society behind, and the events that led to his tragic end.

#### **Written response (two parts):**

1. In the book, John Krakauer includes various perspectives on Chris's decision to venture into the Alaskan wilderness alone. After reading the book, what is your opinion on Chris's decision to go into the wild? Was it a noble pursuit of self-discovery or a reckless and foolish act? Support your argument with evidence from the book and your own personal beliefs.
  2. The book explores Chris' journey and his search for meaning and purpose in life. Drawing from your own experiences, explain how you relate to Chris's desire for self-discovery and exploration. Do you think it's important to take risks in life to truly find oneself, or do you think caution is the better approach? Support with evidence and examples.
- Your response should be at least 500 words.
  - **This assignment must be emailed to Ms. Baulch ([cbaulch@covcath.org](mailto:cbaulch@covcath.org)) or submitted through Canvas by Wednesday, August 9.** You will receive an email back confirming receipt.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [cbaulch@covcath.org](mailto:cbaulch@covcath.org). Have a safe summer!