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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Into the Wild

Author:

Jon Krakauer

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

In Chapter 3, what do Wayne Westerberg's memories show about Chris's personality?

Example answer: I think Wayne's memories show that Chris was a hard worker and very smart. He did not act lazy, and he was willing to do difficult jobs. Chris also seemed friendly, but he kept some parts of his life private. This makes me think he wanted people to like him for who he was, not for his family or money.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 6, how does Chris's friendship with Ronald Franz affect both of them?

Example answer: Chris and Ronald Franz both seem to care about each other. Ronald is lonely, and Chris gives him someone to talk to and care for. Chris also gets kindness and help from Ronald, even though he still wants to keep moving. I think their friendship is important because it shows Chris could touch people's lives deeply.

In Chapter 16, Chris enjoys parts of life at the bus but also makes mistakes. What are some ways he shows both courage and lack of preparation?

Example answer: Chris shows courage because he lives alone in a wild place and tries to find food for himself. He also seems happy when he is close to nature. But he is not fully prepared because he does not have enough supplies or a safe plan for leaving. I think the chapter shows that being brave is not the same as being ready.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what does Jim Gallien notice about Alex, and why does he worry about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, what do you think the author wants readers to feel or think about Chris's final days?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, Krakauer visits the place where Chris lived. What new understanding does this visit give the author?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, how does the description of the bus and the wilderness help you understand the danger Chris faced?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

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Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, Krakauer faces danger while climbing. What lesson about risk can readers learn from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, Chris leaves his car, gives away money, and changes his plans. What do these choices tell you about what he values?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, Chris tries living and working in Bullhead City. How is this part of his life different from his time in the wilderness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, Krakauer tells a story about his own climb. Why do you think he includes his own experience in a book about Chris?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, what does Carine's point of view help you understand about Chris and his family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, how does Chris's friendship with Ronald Franz affect both of them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, why do you think Chris has a hard time staying close to people, even people who care about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, Chris learns upsetting things about his family. How might this have changed the way he saw the world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, what details from Chris's childhood help explain the kind of person he became?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, the author compares Chris to other adventurers. How does this help you understand Chris better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, what is a theme, or big idea, you notice in the stories about people who leave ordinary life for the wild?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, people begin to learn who the young man in Alaska really was. How does this change the way the story feels?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
