*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

Quiz - Chapters 2 and 3

**1. Chris had great admiration for which authors?**

**a)** Leo Tolstoy, Jack London, and Henry David Thoreau
**b)** Charles Dickens, Wallace Stegner, Leo Tolstoy
**c)** Henry David Thoreau, John Steinbeck, Lloyd Wallace
**d)** Ralph Waldo Emerson, Earl Pilgrim, Socrates, & Plato

**2. How did there happen to be an abandoned bus halfway up the Stampede Trail?**
**a)** It was abandoned after the engine stalled following a flash flood in 1961.
**b)** A group of hunters drove it there on purpose to use for shelter from the harsh elements.
**c)** Jon Krakauer heard many stories, but he could not validate any of them. It remains a mystery.
**d)** A construction company had used it as shelter for their workers while building a road to the mines.

**3. Why does Krakauer include a narrative about moose hunters driving off-road trucks to get to the site Chris eventually found?**
**a)** To show the difficulties even well-equipped people have in this wilderness.
**b)** To provide a bit of humor against the tension of the novel.
**c)** To explain the existence of the bus where Chris stays.
**d)** To put a note of optimism into the story which adds to the suspense.

**4. What happens when the moose hunters get to the bus where they plan to camp out?**
**a)** There is a terrible smell coming from inside the bus.
**b)** There is a pack of wolves surrounding the bus.
**c)** The bus has been moved and they don't know where to look for it.
**d)** The bus in now a burned out shell.

**5. What does Butch Killian want to do when he arrives on the scene?**
**a)** He wants to contact the media because it is a great story.
**b)** He wants to burn the bus to rid it of the smell.
**c)** He wants to form a search party to see if there was anyone else with the dead boy.
**d)** He wants to contact the state police to come and remove the body.

**6. What is Krakauer's thesis about Chris?**
**a)** That Chris had a naive view of Alaskan wilderness.

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**b)** That McCandless understood the risks he faced and worked hard to overcome them.
**c)** That no one had fully informed Chris about all the dangers he faced.
**d)** That Chris had been given wrong information that led to his doing the wrong things.

**7. What message did Chris leave taped to the door of the bus?**
**a)** That visitors were welcome.
**b)** That he would return in an hour.
**c)** That he had staked a claim on this bus.
**d)** That he was near death.

**8. What problem did Killian have in contacting the authorities?**
**a)** The ice broke on the river and left it more than a hundred yards wide.
**b)** It was difficult to find a place where radio signals could get through.
**c)** The other people did not want him to contact the troopers because they did not want to get involved.
**d)** His vehicle broke down and it took hours to fix.

**9. How long did Chris survive in that hostile environment?**
**a)** Six months.
**b)** Sixteen weeks.
**c)** Two weeks.
**d)** Almost a year.

**10. What did the autopsy reveal as the probable cause of Chris’ death?**

**a)** Punctured lungs.
**b)** Lead poisoning.
**c)** Starvation.
**d)** Pneumonia.

**11. Interestingly, a book by Tolstoy is found with Chris’ remains. A highlighted portion of it may reflect why Chris was unhappy with his life before. The title was**

**a)** *Family Happiness*
**b)** *War and Peace*
**c)** *In Cold Blood*
**d)** *The American West as Living Space*

**12. Where did Chris meet Wayne Westerberg?**
**a)** In Fairbanks, Alaska.
**b)** In Carthage, South Dakota.
**c)** On the Colorado River.
**d)** In a small town just outside Los Angeles.

**13. What did Westerberg first give the young man who called himself Alex?**
**a)** A meal and a place to sleep.
**b)** A ride to Alaska.
**c)** A pair of waterproof boots.
**d)** Advice

**14. Who had left Chris a $40,000 inheritance for his school?**
**a)** A former employer.
**b)** A friend of the family.
**c)** His grandmother.
**d)** A wealthy uncle.

**15. What did Chris do with the $24,000 he had left over from his inheritance?**
**a)** He gave it to UNICEF.
**b)** He donated it to OXFAM.
**c)** He gave it to the Salvation Army.
**d)** He gave it to his sister.

**16. What had his mother and father offered to do after he graduated from Emory?**
**a)** Help him get a job with their Congressman.
**b)** Bring him into the family business.
**c)** Buy him a new car.
**d)** Give him a trip to Europe.

**17. What is Chris's plan that he does not tell his family?**
**a)** He plans to go to law school on the west coast.
**b)** He plans to go live in Canada.
**c)** He plans to go on an indefinite road trip.
**d)** He plans to marry a girl his parents do not approve of.

**18. How had Chris already been separating himself from his family?**
**a)** Not going home for holidays and weekends.
**b)** Picking fights with them on moral issues.
**c)** Living off campus in a room that had no phone.
**d)** Only meeting them occasionally for meals.

**19. What do Walt and Billie McCandless discover when they drive to Chris's apartment in Atlanta?**
**a)** That there was no such address.
**b)** That Chris had never lived there.
**c)** That he had moved out a few months before.
**d)** That the building had been torn down.

**20. Why did Krakauer include so much about the McCandless family in Chapter Three?**
**a)** To contrast them with the new life he assumed with Westerberg.
**b)** To give the reader an idea that Chris might change his mind.
**c)** To make Chris seem impulsive, thoughtless, and cold.
**d)** Just for conversation with Wayne Westerberg.

**Bonus Questions** ½ point for each correct answer.

The new name that Chris invented for himself was Alexander \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Name one notable detail about Chris’ body at the time of his autopsy. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Explain the difference between rubber tramps and leather tramps?

For what crime was Wayne Westerberg arrested and sent to jail for 4 months?