*Into the Wild* Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English 10B Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hour\_\_\_

As you read, answer the following questions below. In order to receive full credit, you must write the answers in complete sentences.

**Author’s Note**

1. What is the purpose of the Author’s Note?
2. What are Krakauer’s credentials for writing *Into the Wild* ?
3. What themes does Krakauer introduce in the Author’s Note?

**Chapter One: The Alaskan Interior**

**The date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Characterize Alex (a.k.a. Chris McCandless). What are some of his opinions and plans? What does this tell about him?
2. Define epigraph. What is the point of the quoted material at the start of Chapter One?
3. Who is Alex? Why do you think Chris McCandless adopted a pseudonym (fake name) on his journey?
4. Who is Jim Gallien, and how did he meet McCandless?
5. What was Gallien’s assessment of McCandless?
6. What kind of advice did Gallien give McCandless?
7. What was McCandless’s response to Gallien’s offer?
8. What did McCandless give Gallien, and what was McCandless’s behavior toward the older man?
9. What did Gallien give McCandless?
10. Why did Gallien decide not to alert the authorities about McCandless?

**Chapter Two: The Stampede Trail**

**The date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. This chapter begins with and epigraph from Jack London. How does Jack London feel about nature and man’s place in nature?
2. Describe the Stampede Trail.
3. What purpose did this bus once serve miles into the Alaskan wilderness?
4. Describe Ken Thompson, Gordon Samel, and Ferdie Swanson.
5. How did Samel find the body in the bus? Give details.
6. What did McCandless’ body and note suggest about the circumstances of his death?
7. How did the police know the body was that of Chris McCandless? How long had he been dead before he was discovered?
8. What is your initial impression of Chris McCandless?