

AP Summer Reading Essay prompt ...

(This prompt will not be given to students prior to their summer vacations. This will be the essay they will write on Wednesday, Aug. 30, after returning to school)

Ever since Jon Krakauer's book *Into the Wild* was released in 1996, camps have been sharply divided on the wanderlust pursuits of Chris McCandless. Some readers have admired the young man's courage and noble ideals, while others have insisted on labeling him as reckless and narcissistic. Rather than asking you to join a camp, a more challenging exercise is to have you defend both arguments. Using at least four pieces of direct evidence from the text, demonstrate how McCandless could be considered both courageous and reckless, as well as noble and narcissistic. Be as specific as possible making your points for both sides, and use details from the text to support your argument. Your writing should be structured as a formal essay, with introduction/thesis, body paragraphs with topic sentences, and conclusion. Please do not write on the backs of your paper, and use only pencils. You have the remainder of this class period to finish this assignment. You may begin ...