*Into the Wild* Unit Test STUDY GUIDE

Multiple Choice

1. Where did Chris McCandless come from?

 **Washington, D.C.**

1. What is the only food Alex brings with him into the wild?

**A bag of rice**

1. “Rubber tramps” means

**vagabonds who owned a vehicle**

1. Where did Chris McCandless leave his beloved car?

 **In the Detrital Wash**

1. McCandless wrote his journal

 **in third-person**

1. Something that surprised Wayne Westerberg on McCandless’s final night in Carthage was

 **Westerberg discovered McCandless was an accomplished pianist**

1. Wayne Westerberg was able to help the Alaska State Troopers identify Chris McCandless

 **by providing them with McCandless’s Social Security number**

1. On weekends, when his high school pals were attending “keggers” and trying to sneak into Georgetown bars, McCandless would

 **wander the streets trying to help prostitutes and homeless people**

1. Billie thought it was ironic that McCandless believed that “wealth was shameful, corrupting, inherently evil” because

 **“Chris was a natural-born capitalist with an uncanny knack for making a buck.”**

1. What happened when McCandless attempted to return to civilization?

**The Teklanika river was a full flood stage and he was a weak swimmer.**

1. Chris McCandless, the author discovers, died from

 **toxic wild potato seeds**

1. McCandless’s old yellow Datsun was

**Used in drugs raids in Arizona.**

1. April 28, 1992 is important because

**This is the last day anyone sees him alive**

1. Why do the girl and the boy from Anchorage not enter the bus?

**They smell something horrible**

1. “If McCandless felt estranged from his parents and siblings, he found a surrogate family in Westerberg…”

In the passage above the word surrogate most closely means

**Alternate**

1. When people ask Alex where he is from what does he say?

**South Dakota**

1. Why does Chris not want to buy or receive gifts?

**He doesn’t want people to think they can buy his respect**

1. Two people lost their religion when Alex died. Who were they?

**Billie and Franz**

1. True or False: Before he graduated high school a construction company called and offered to fund Chris’s college education if he stayed in Annadale.

**True**

1. True or False: Before graduating college and setting off into the wild Chris talked about getting a law degree.

**True**

1. Krakauer compares Chris's fate to that of others who ventured into the wild. One such person was Carl McCunn. Although he was very well equipped when he was dropped into the wilderness, an oversight led to his demise. What was this oversight?

**He forgot to have somebody come get him AND he gave the wrong signal for help**

1. “Anyway, I like to talk to you about this because you are the *only* person in the world who could possibly understand what I am saying.”

The quote above was written by Chris/ Alex. Who is he writing to?

**Chris is writing to Carine**

1. Much of the information in chapter 18 was added after the newspaper article the author wrote in *Outside* magazine and after his first edition of *Into the Wild* in 1996. Why did the author go back and add information about Chris’s death?

**To let society know that Alex was not as ill-prepared as they once thought**

1. The following quote is an analysis of Alex’s note “HAPPINESS ONLY REAL WHEN SHARED.”

“…to shed a little of the armor he wore around his heart, that upon returning to civilization, he intended to abandon the life of solitary vagabond, stop running so hard from intimacy, and become a member of the human community.”

What does the author’s interpretation of this quote hope to show the reader?

**That Alex did not intend to die in the wilderness and was ready for human interaction**

1. Use the following quote to analyze why Alex/ Chris signs his SOS note as “Chris McCandless”.

“Recognizing the gravity of his predicament, he had abandoned the cocky moniker he’d been using for years, Alexander Supertramp, in favor of the name given to him at birth by his parents.”

**He realizes there is a very real possibility he might die and he cannot live life completely as Alexander Supertramp**

1. Chris hitches one last ride before he heads off by foot. The driver is gravely concerned by the lack of appropriate equipment Chris has with him. He persuades a reluctant Chris to take what from him?

**Rubber boots**

1. What river was McCandless unable to cross?

**The Teklanika River**