In the last paragraph of the author’s note, Jon Krakauer writes: “Some readers admired the boy immensely for his courage and noble ideas; other fulminated that he was a reckless idiot, a wacko, a narcissist who perished out of arrogance and stupidity...”

Task: Write a multi-paragraph argument essay that details which side of the argument you support, using evidence from the text to support your position.

Basic requirements:

➤ Your essay must be two typed pages, minimum

➤ Use quotations (MUST use at least 3) to support your argument.

➤ Follow MLA format & include a works cited page.

➤ When writing an argument, make sure to state your viewpoint (opinion) in your thesis and conclude your essay with a strong argument to convince the reader (instead of final thoughts, use a Call for Action-what do you want the reader to do/believe?). Use convincing and strong language throughout your essay, but do NOT use first or second person No “I, me, my, you” etc. We know it is your opinion because you are the author!

Getting Started

➤ Decide on your point of view, and use the following statement to start shaping your essay. Do NOT use this as your thesis! Only use this to help guide your ideas.

While some people believe that Chris McCandless was _________________________, in reality, he was _________________________.

➤ Now, identify THREE quotes from Into the Wild that you can use to support your position. You MUST include the entire quote and page number!

➤ 1.

➤ 2.

➤ 3.