***Into the Wild* Journals** (Children's Book/Unit Project)
Due Tuesday, December 6th

Journal #1: Answer the following questions. Each response should be 1 paragraph (3-5 sentences) in length.

- What is the relationship between nature and American identity?
- What does it mean to be a rebel?
- What is the relationship between self and society?
- To what extent is community essential to happiness?

Journal #2: Answer the following question below. This response should be 2 paragraphs (5 sentences each) in length. You will need to include specific examples from the text (quote or paraphrase) to support your argument.

We know from Jim Gallien that Chris McCandless, or "Alex," was, by Alaskan standards, somewhat unprepared for his journey into the wilderness. Gallien said that McCandless' pack looked far too small for such an adventure, and that his boots were junk. However, he seemed intent upon getting away, going so far as to tell Gallien that he no longer needed his watch because he didn't even want to know what day it was.

- With all this in mind, do you think that he was completely crazy, or just an unprepared idealist? Why?

Journal #3: Answer the following two questions in a list format. This list can be in bullet point format and does NOT need to contain complete sentences. You will then complete a reflection response in paragraph form (5-7 sentences) regarding the items you listed on the two lists combined.

Krakauer writes that McCandless saw the flash flood that "ruined" his car as an opportunity to "shed unnecessary baggage." He burned his money and buried his belongings, then set off on foot.

- Do a mental inventory of your life; what items do you have that you know you could get rid of?
- What do you think you absolutely couldn't live without?

Journal #4: At this point in the text, what are your impressions of Chris/Alex? Support you claim with at least two pieces of evidence from the text. (7 sentences in total)

- Topic Sentence for your paragraph
- Examples/details from the text (quotes or paraphrase)
- Explanation how the details support your claim!

Journal #5: According to Walt McCandless, Chris caused him a tremendous amount of pain, despite having "so much compassion."

- In your opinion, is causing parents pain part of the process of growing up, or is it avoidable? (one paragraph, 5-7 sentences, use at least one example from the book, quote or paraphrase, to support your opinion)

Journal #6: John Krakauer writes that both he and McCandless were challenged by the ideals that their fathers had for them. Consider your own life for a moment (5-7 sentences for either question, pick only one);

- Are there expectations that have been forced upon you that you have no interest in fulfilling? What

are they?
- Or, conversely, do you find that you like some of the expectations that have been put upon you? Why?

Quote Illustration: This assignment will be used for the front and back covers of your *Into the Wild* journals (children's books)!

- a. Pick a quote to analyze.
  b. Analyze the quote: how does your quote provide insight to Chris' character? (5-7 sentences)
  c. Illustrate this quote! (draw a picture)

Multi-Article Reflection: One paragraph (5-7, 2 examples from the articles combined) supporting your argument.

- Is McCandless crazy or not?

Personal Reflective Question: What piece or medium of art describes you and why? (No sentence minimum or maximum)

GRADING REQUIREMENTS: This assignment is due Friday, December 2nd at the beginning of class!

____/10   Journal #1

____/10   Journal #2

____/10   Journal #3

____/10   Journal #4

____/10   Journal #5

____/10   Journal #6

____/10   Quote Illustration & Reflection Assignment

____/10   Multi-Article Assignment

____/10   Personal Reflection Question (from the first day of the unit

____/5   Assignments are typed or are written neatly in black or blue ink

____/5   Individual creativity is used to enhance the *Into the Wild* Children's Book Unit Project

____**/100   Total Points!**

*This is a formal assignment. You will lose points for turning this project in late. Thank you for all of your hard work during this unit!